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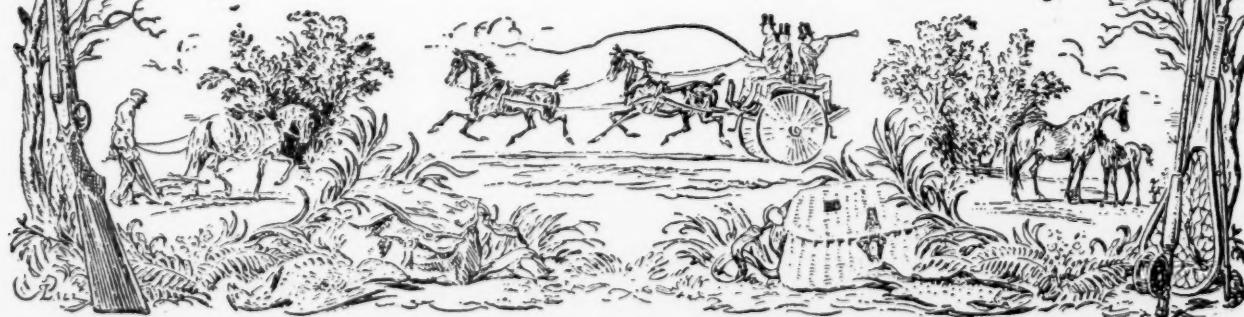
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## "WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF POLO?"

DEVEREUX MILBURN, JR.

Wherever polo players are gathered together, the main topic of conversation is always: "What is the future of polo?" Most of those who are presently active express some confidence that the game will survive, and some of the old-timers admire the remarkable resilience the game has shown and express surprise and pleasure at its current popularity. There are always others, however, who complain that the game "is not what it was in the good old days" and that it is dying on the vine. They somberly predict that polo will soon pass from the sporting scene.

The wail of these Cassandra's is not new. It was heard after the close of World War I and again, even more lugubriously, during the depression. The crescendo, however, was reached in England immediately after World War II. It was pointed out that polo could not have survived in England between the two World Wars without the Army and, indeed, it is true that many of the high-goal British players were in one branch or another of the Service. During World War II, the British Army was mechanized and, to make matters worse, as a result of the war, the rates of the British income tax were raised to such an extent that it did not appear possible that such a game as polo could survive, let alone be revitalized from the ground up. To be encouraged today, however, one need only look at the present status of polo in England. After an amazing beginning at Cowdray Park it has been introduced or revived at various other clubs throughout the country, until today it appears to be in a sound and healthy condition.

Those who look at the future of polo through dark glasses point to the failure of the "gate" to support the game. It is true at one time there were those who thought that the receipts from the public could carry all the expenses involved in the game. This has not proved to be the case. Gate receipts have contributed towards the maintenance of the grounds and other miscellaneous expenses, have helped with the upkeep of a reasonable string of utility ponies and may have contributed towards the purchase of a club pony or two. Gate receipts, however, have not supported polo in its entirety, and the expenditure by the individual player is still

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required. There can be no gainsaying the fact that polo has been and still is an expensive sport.

Before admitting, however, that the game of polo is on its deathbed in this country, it might be well to look at the record. According to the 1941 Year Book, 71 member clubs belonged to the United States Polo Association, and these included four military clubs and the Inter-collegiate Polo Association which has since been merged with the United States Polo Association. Today, without benefit of any help from the military, there are 80 clubs in the Association. In 1941, excluding army players, there were approximately 550 handicapped players—now, there are over 700. Omitting the Army from consideration, it is a fact that there is more polo played in the United States today than just prior to the war.

It must be admitted, however, that there is a serious flaw in the over-all picture. It exists in high-goal polo. It is not immediately apparent because the Open Championship has been very successful for the past few years. In 1958, seven teams competed, all handicapped between 23 and 25 goals. The 1941 Year Book shows that six teams competed in the Open that year, handicapped at 21, 24, 25, 26 and 30 goals—not a very great difference in caliber of play. The trouble lies in the age of the high-goal player. One sees the same faces in the Open year after year and not enough younger players coming on to take the place of those who retire. There is a large gap in the player ranks, say between the ages of 25 and 35, caused to a great extent by World War II. Many promising young players were killed and many others gave up the game either because they had been away for several years and had to return to work, or because of the great expense of starting a new string of ponies, or, in many cases, because their fathers gave up polo during the war and did not see fit to encourage their sons to continue after the war.

This then is the major problem facing polo today. Probably little can be done to fill the existing gap in the player ranks, but we must make sure that another does not appear. We must concentrate on boys between 16 and 24 years of age and encourage them to take up the game. In order to do so, we must make it as interesting and as inexpensive as possible.

It will be asked: What will hap-

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## Rich Strike at Shenandoah

Raleigh Burroughs

Winning always is pleasant, but the way you win can have much to do with the degree of satisfaction.

Nearly every piece of fiction built around racing ends in a climactic finish that was carefully planned and skillfully executed, and the beneficiaries pick up a bundle. Often as not there is a mortgage equal to the odds on the horse multiplied by the amount of money the hero could scrape in the last few minutes before post time, allowing a hundred or two for a honeymoon. The happy conclusion finds the Derby won, the homestead lien-free and a boy and girl in each other's arms, presumably headed for matrimony as both are of high moral character.

Truth, though sometimes stranger than, rarely has the glamour of fiction; but participating in a planned success at a minor racecourse is infinitely more satisfying than reading about a thrilling, but fictitious, classics victory - and there's more money in it.

The several members of the Boniface family, and some friends, recently played important parts in a drama of the Turf that should be titled "Alcindor's Second Win" if the Hallmark Hall of Fame decides to put it into a TV play. The original cast is available.

This was no Derby triumph - the payoff race was the sixth at Shenandoah Downs, West Virginia - but all the trimmings for a fancy piece of fiction were furnished.

\*Alcindor was bred for great deeds. Now four years old, he was foaled in France, the property of the Comtesse Rossi.

When very young, \*Alcindor caught the eye of Mr. George A. Garrett, former ambassador to Ireland, and Mr. Garrett purchased the immature Thoroughbred for (a reported) \$8,700.

Last season, \*Alcindor raced six times for Mr. Garrett. He won one race, a \$5,000 claimer at Garden State.

In his final race of '58, the gelding finished last. He carried a \$4,500 price tag, but nobody bought. Apparently that finished him with Mr. Garrett.

Acquired By Boniface & McCloskey

Sometime later, Mr. Bill Boniface and Mr. Jim McCloskey acquired \*Alcindor from his importer. The price was not made public but was believed to be something under \$8,700.

In the hands of his new owners, \*Alcindor was transferred to Timonium Fairgrounds and cared for tenderly. Mr. Boniface, who is a racing writer most of the time, has had a hand in the training of a few horses, so he went to work on this one.

For reasons of economy or convenience, the trainer bred his own jockey, so Mrs. Mary Boniface has a full share in the enterprise.

Young John William Boniface, now 17 rode his first winner at Charles Town, last August. When autumn came, it was decided that Billy should interrupt his climb up the ladder to saddle fame in order to complete his education. His studies do not prevent him from getting up early in the morning to work a few horses. So he was appointed exercise boy for \*Alcindor.

About the time the new, shiny Shenandoah Downs track opened for evening

racing, \*Alcindor began to look like a horse that wanted to run, and the stable decided to let him.

The objective fixed upon was the sixth race on May 6, at Shenandoah.

When the day came, the numerous handlers agreed that \*Alcindor was ready, and a full set of Bonifaces set out for Shenandoah Downs.

### The Invasion

Young Billy took off from school and loaded the invasion weapon into a van, which left Timonium at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Dad and Billy followed.

Another vehicle carried Mrs. Mary Boniface, Miss Ann Marie Boniface (who went along to cheer \*Alcindor when he made his winning run), Miss Judy Doyon (who went along to cheer for Billy) and Mr. Mike Pascal (who went along because he is a friend of the family and because \*Alcindor was held at 8 to 1 in the morning line).

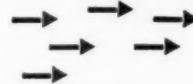
Part-owner Jim McCloskey also made the trip - for gold and glory.

As the famed Phantom of fiction struck, so struck the combination of Boniface, McCloskey and Boniface. I am not sure which Boniface is entitled to first billing, but all Bonifaces benefitted. So did Mr. McCloskey.

\*Alcindor, under the skilled handling of Billy, came through gloriously at a \$17.60 payoff. He set a new track record

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## Racing Review

Easy Mark

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The Preakness

Eleven 3-year-olds went postward in the 83rd running of The Preakness to run one and three-sixteenths miles for the \$150,000 added purse. However, the big star, "Tomy Lee," winner of the Kentucky Derby did not make the trip postward and the absence of the winner of the "first jewel" of the "Triple Crown" left a vacuum which was not overcome by the results.

The race was won easily by Est. of J. Braunstein's Royal Orbit, who finished

4th in the Ky. Derby. He finished four lengths in front of Brookmeade Stable's Sword Dancer, the second favorite. Sword Dancer in turn was three lengths in front of Claiborne Farm's Dunce and there was another two and one-half lengths between him and L. G. Robinson's Marauder, the fourth horse. First Landing, the favorite, was a dismal ninth. The time was 1.57 over a fast track and was 2 2/5 seconds slower than that made by Nashua who set a track record of 1.54 3/5 in the 1955 Preakness.

Royal Orbit is a chestnut son of \*Royal Charger-Admirals Belle, by War Admiral, bred by the late L. B. Mayer. Reggie Cornell trains him and Willie Hartman was in the saddle. The net value of the

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purse was \$136,200 and it gave Royal Orbit \$181,570 for 1959 for his 8 starts, two victories, two seconds and three thirds. As a 2-year-old he started ten times, scored 5 victories, 3 seconds and 2 thirds, for \$40,700. This gives one an idea of the tremendous earning power of a stakes horse today; \$222,270 and his second racing season is not over yet.

### The Black Eyed Susan

Elmendorf's Toluene easily captured the 35th running of The Black Eyed Susan for 3-year-old fillies, run on May 13th at Pimlico. Run at one and one-sixteenth miles the scale weight stakes drew a field of 8 for the \$20,000 added purse. M. D'Onofrio's Cervina was second, two and one-half lengths farther back. M. Shagrin's San Jue Lee got the show money and Miss Audrey Davies' Miss Cloudy got the small part of the purse. The time was 1.48 3/5 and the track sloppy.

Toluene is a bay filly by Hill Prince out of \*Dynamite II, by Dogat, bred by Preston M. Burch. Eddie Yowell did the training and K. Korte the riding. Toluene collected \$15,090 for her first victory in four starts this year.

### Belmont

Belmont Park staged its 23rd running of The Acorn on Preakness Day. It had \$50,000 added money for the 3-year-old fillies who were ready to go the mile for the fat end of the purse, at scale weight of 121 pounds.

R. N. Webster's Quill outclassed the field of twelve to win easily, finishing six and one-half lengths in front of Mrs. N. M. Schenck's Cobul. E. D. Jacobs' Hope is Eternal was third and Brae Burn Farm's Shirley Jones 4th. The time was 1.37 3/5.

Quill is a chestnut daughter of \*Prince-Quillo-Quick Touch, by Count Fleet, bred by her owner. L. Laurin is the trainer and jockey R. Ussery was the rider. The winners share was \$38,075.

### The Toboggan Handicap

Howell E. Jackson's Tick Tock won by a half length over Greentree Stable's Cohoes in the 66th running of the Toboggan Handicap on May 11. Twelve handicap horses vied for the \$25,000 added money in the 6 furlongs dash. Mabel C. Scholtz's Warhead picked up third money and Georgiana Foster's Viscount fourth.

Tick Tock was clocked at 1.10 4/5 over a fast track.

The winner is a 6-year-old brown gelding by Double Jay-Up Early, by Sun Again. He was bred by Mr. Jackson's Bull Run Stud and is trained by E. A. Christmas. Jockey R. Ussery did the riding chores. Tick Tock added \$18,680 to his bankroll.

### Garden State

Mrs. Josephine Bay Paul's Idun was  
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## Rose Tree Hunt Race Meeting

Chris Wood, Jr.

Organized in 1859 and celebrating its centennial year, the Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club, Media, Pa., closed the spring session of hunt racing in the Keystone state on Saturday, May 16. Although the sun was shining overhead, a chilling wind whipped through the valley, sending many of the gathering of some 5,000 back to the cars for top-coats and blankets for the box-holders in the covered grandstand.

Emulating his feat of the preceding Saturday, Morris H. Dixon was again the hero of the day, sending forth 4 winners on the program which listed 7 diversified races. Riding the crest of trainer Dixon's wave, owner C. Mahlon Kline and jockey Edwin Deveau completed the day of sport with three winners.

The day of excellent racing which saw the United Hunts Racing Association's portable photo finish camera make a debut, was also a day on which 3 challenge trophies departed from competition.

### Grand Chal Retires Trophy

In scoring a 3rd and consecutive victory in a featured timber race at Rose Tree, Alfred H. Smith's Grand Chal gained permanent possession of the Gloucester Fox Hunters Plate for his Upper Marlboro, Md., owner.

Only a trio of timber-toppers went postward to dispute the champion's reign and at the conclusion of the 3-mile trip over 22 new timber fences, Grand Chal's crown was quite secure. Repeating his start-to-finish triumph in the Radnor Hunt Cup, the 9-year-old gelding led throughout to register a 3rd straight victory in the race.

Never far from Grand Chal in the early stages, where Mrs. Walter Stokes' Aquatime Play was running 2nd, Mrs. John B. Hannum, III's Theodoric gave the crowd a thrill in the final mile. Responding to Louis Neilson, Jr., after the 17th fence, Theodoric ranged alongside and challenged until the final obstacle. Both fencing well, the pair went from the 18th until the 22nd was reached in neck-and-neck fashion. Leading over the final obstacle by a neck, Grand Chal went about his business under Joseph L. Aitchison, Jr.'s command and drew away in the short stretch to win by 2 1/2 lengths. Aquatime Play was 3rd, 8 lengths behind the tiring Theodoric, who ran an exceedingly game race.

George T. Weymouth's Eastcor, completed the field, a distanced 4th and last. Under Eugene Weymouth and making a seasonal debut, the former brush performer fell over the 3rd fence. Scampering after his loose mount, the rider-trainer from Middletown, Del., was soon back in the saddle. Although hopelessly out of the picture, the pair continued for a good school and \$50 in 4th money.

A winner of 7 of his 15 starts over

timber in 1958 and undisputed champion of his division, Grand Chal appears to have the annual honors again safely in his possession. Starting his campaign at Southern Pines, N. C., in March, he has won 5 important races and placed in his other outings. An easy winner of last year's United Hunts Racing Association's annual \$1,000 divisional award with 30 points, Grand Chal now has a total of 19 points for his spring campaign.

### Glen Riddle Plate

Aside from sending out 4 winners during the day, Morris H. Dixon further tightened his hold with a trio of 1-2 triumphs. The initial 1-2 trick was established in

the Glen Riddle Plate, where 7 maidens contested the 1-mile turf trip. In a race which saw most of the starters showing in front at one time or another, Mrs. Joseph T. Murtagh's Sable Brush scored a 3/4's of a length win over C. Mahlon Kline's Earl of Tyrone. Making a seasonal debut for the Tremont Farms, Shiny Dime was 3rd, 2 1/2 lengths behind the Kline color-bearer. Also racing for Mrs. Murtagh, Rebel Colony showed briefly in front during the uphill stretch run only to duck out, losing valuable ground and eventually finishing 5th. Had not this mishap occurred, it is highly possible the Dixon-trained entry of Sable Brush, Earl of Tryone and Rebel Colony could have been 1, 2, 3 at the conclusion. In graduating the maiden ranks under Harold

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## Belmont Steeplechasing Summaries

May 11

Hurdles, abt. 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up. Purse: \$3,800. Net value to winner: \$2,470; 2nd: \$760; 3rd: \$380; 4th: \$190. Winner: chg., (4), by \*Royal Charger—Your Hostess, by \*Alibah. Trainer: J. Bosley 3rd. Breeder: L. B. Mayer. Time: 2:44. 1, Royal Clipper, (Mrs. H. Obre), 144, K. Field. 2, Air Delight, (F. E. Dixon, Jr.), 134, J. Hobales. 3, Shield Bearer, (Mrs. S. C. Clark, Jr.), 144, J. Murphy. 12 started and 10 finished; also ran (order of finish): C. MacLeod, Jr.'s Teamunn, 144, J. Cotter; Charkit Stable's \*Brendan, 152, T. Walsh; Winding Way Farm's Golf Ace, 152, R. S. McDonald; Mrs. R. N. Blackburn's Winging Star, 144, E. Jackson; B. Schulhoffer, Jr.'s Cornhill, 134, F. Schulhoffer; Mrs. H. J. Stringer, Jr.'s Nautilus, 134, H. Hatcher; Sanford Stud Farm's \*Lovepark II, 144, M. Fogarty; Went Lame; G. Dudley, Jr.'s Bomarsund, 145, L. Graham. Left course: G. H. Bestwick's Who Did It, 139, W. Mason. Won by 4; place by 3 1/2; show by 1. Scratched: Cable Lead, Demon Rouge, Parapet, Sextet.

May 12

Hurdles, abt. 1 7/8 mi., 4 & up. Purse: \$4,000. Net value to winner: \$2,600; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$400; 4th: \$200. Winner: h.g., (4), by Daumer-Morning, by American Flag. Trainer: J. Bosley 3rd. Breeder: Nydrie Stud. Time: 3:28. 1, Hustle, (Mrs. H. Obre), 143, K. Field. 2, Debater, (Mrs. P. Bate), 143, T. Walsh. 3, Parapet, (Lazy F. Ranch), 143, F. Schulhoffer.

11 started and 10 finished; also ran (order of finish): Clara E. Adams' \*Le Blizard, 153, J. Hobales; W. M. Jeffords' Candace, 143, J. Murphy; Mrs. J. N. Andrews, Jr.'s Cable Lead, 153, J. Cotter; Mrs. O. Phipps' Bureaucracy, 153, J. Atcheson; Mary A. Rumsey's Close Array, 143, J. Walker; Sanford Stud Farm's Aegean Cruise, 143, M. Fogarty; L. H. Nelles' Hardy Admiral, 146, J. Wyatt. Fell; at 1st: Mrs. J. R. H. Thouron's Highland Brigade, 143, A. Foot. Won by 7; place by 4; show by 8. Scratched: Doural, Deo Delight, Clear Call, Sextet.

May 13

Steeplechase, abt. 2 1/8 mi., 4 & up. Purse: \$4,500. Net value to winner: \$2,925; 2nd: \$900; 3rd: \$450; 4th: \$225. Winner: br.g., (6), by Black Gang-Afar, by Bulldog. Trainer: D. M. Smithwick. Breeder: Mrs. T. A. Randolph. Time:

4:09 2/5.  
1, Walrus, (Theodora A. Randolph), 154, J. Murphy.  
2, Punctuality, (Mrs. O. Phipps), 154, J. Atcheson.  
3, \*Duc de Richmond, (J. M. Schiff), 145, F. Schulhoffer.  
7 started and 6 finished; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. A. A. Bigelow's Rotal, 154, D. Delaunay; Mary A. Rumsey's Romeo, 154, J. Walker; Barclay Stable's \*Ballybrittas, 154, H. Land. Fell; at 5th: J. A. Hale's Allan Adale, 149, J. Wyatt. Won by 1; place by 10; show by 1/2. Scratched: Your Point.

May 14

The International Steeplechase Handicap, abt. 2 1/8 mi., 4 & up. Purse: \$15,000 added. Net value to winner: \$10,770; 2nd: \$3,360; 3rd: \$1,680; 4th: \$840. Winner: chg., (7), by Basileus II-Lindie Bee, by Omaha. Trainer: H. Jacobs. Breeder: Bieber-Jacobs Stables. Time: 4:06 2/5.  
1, Basil Bee, (Patrice Jacobs), 151, R. S. McDonald.  
2, Independence, (Mrs. M. G. Walsh), 162, T. Walsh.  
3, Chambray, (R. K. Mellon), 140, J. Murphy.  
6 started and finished; also ran (order of finish): White-wood Stud's \*Arywa, 156, D. Marzani; Mrs. J. McKnight's Darubini, 133, J. Atcheson; Montpelier's Shipboard, 161, A. Foot. Won by 4 1/2; place by head; show by 7. No scratches.

May 15

Hurdles, abt. 1 7/8 mi., 4 & up. Purse: \$3,500. Net value to winner: \$2,275; 2nd: \$700; 3rd: \$350; 4th: \$175. Winner: h.g., (8), by Nordlicht-Miss Scotch, by Scotch Broom. Trainer: G. W. Stephens. Breeder: H. B. Phipps. Time: 3:29. 1, Highland Light, (Rockburn Farm), 147, J. Atcheson.  
2, St. Phideas, (Ruthart Stable), 138, J. Murphy.  
3, \*Le Blizard, (Mrs. C. E. Adams), 138, T. Walsh.  
10 started and 9 finished; also ran (order of finish): G. Dudley, Jr.'s Navy Fighter, 143, F. Schulhoffer; F. E. Dixon, Jr.'s Mielaison, 144, J. Hobales; Mrs. A. White's Eternal Son, 138, M. Hoey; C. MacLeod, Jr.'s Teamunn, 138, J. Cotter; G. Dudley, Jr.'s Clear Call, 130, L. Graham; Mrs. J. Grabosky's \*Villena, 133, R. S. McDonald. Lost rider; at 1st: Mrs. H. Obre's Red Sun II, 135, K. Field. Won by 1 1/2; place by 1; show by 10. No scratches.

### NEWEST AID TO HUNT RACE MEETS

Celebrating a centennial anniversary, the annual spring race meeting sponsored by the Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club, Media, Pa., was the first of such ses-

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## Roman Victory

Lida Fleitman Bloodgood

As an American who has not been home for more than two decades it was only natural that I should be profoundly moved at the sight of Old Glory being borne around beautiful Piazza de Siena for the first time in history (In 1947 at the first show held in Rome following World War II, some American officers of the European Occupation Forces, in a mistaken idea of sportsmanship, came to Rome with a scratch team which put up a deplorable performance); even more moving were the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" floating out victoriously on a spot which had in the past echoed to so many other national anthems.

The great American victory in the Cup of the Nations - which is the most highly coveted prize in the entire show and in the past eight years has been won six times by Italy - came as a great surprise to those of us who had watched the previous days' contests. For our team, until then, had not lived up to what one might expect of horses which surpassed nearly all others in conformation and quality and were matched by only one or two of the best French and German animals. It is true that, with the exception of a few bad mistakes by the German-bred Diamant ridden by Frank Chapot, the team as a whole had performed smoothly and consistently, narrowly missing victory by the most trivial faults or, strangely enough considering the blood-like qualities of most of the horses, on account of lack of speed. Judged as hunters purely on their way of going and manner of jumping they would have won hands down, but they seemed devoid of the brilliancy necessary to win at what is solely a jumping competition, rather than a real horse-show, since any animal, no matter how badly made or ridden, can win, providing it has the knack of flinging itself over the jumps in some fashion without knocking them down.

If our horses were superior to most in looks and breeding and equal to the best in their manner of going, so too were our men hard to fault; they rode effortlessly, and with only occasional lapses, in the perfect Italian style taught them by their trainer, Bertalan de Nemethy, who although Hungarian born, was a pupil of General Amalfi, erstwhile instructor at Pinerolo and Tor di Quinto. In fact, contrary to what Pat Smythe stated recently in the "London Sunday Times", there is no such thing as a special English, French or German forward seat; they are all one, and merely good or bad versions of that method of riding first invented around 1904 by the Italian Cavalry officer, Federico Caprilli and later introduced to the Anglo-Saxon world in 1932 by another Italian Cavalry officer, Piero Santini.

### Magnificent String

With such a magnificent string of horses and such well-trained men, it was, I repeat, extremely difficult to understand why, during the first days of the show, we Americans had been unable to pull off anything better than a fourth in the pair class with Hugh Wiley's Master William and big-jumping Nautical. Was our team merely having the same sort of bad luck that in 1955 and 1957 had seemed to dog the Irish Military team which, with their magnificent Irish hunters, had been so carefully trained by Colonel Paul Rodzianko? If not bad luck was it rather that the American men and horses were perhaps over trained, and being stale, no longer had the necessary "will to win"? Whatever the reason, there was no blinking the fact that for the first five days of the show the Americans seemed strangely devoid of those very attributes for which we as a nation are famed, namely pep and ginger; they conspicuously lacked what the French so aptly call mordant, that bitingly alive quality possessed in a marked degree by the French themselves, by the Italians and, in a more rigid and controlled fashion, by the Germans.

All in all no one expected that we would win with our team, (composed of William Steinakraus on Eleo Sears' breedily looking grey Kzar d'Esprit, Hugh Wiley on Nautical, Frank Chapot on the German-bred Diamant (an old veteran at Piazza di Siena) and George Morris on Sinjohn.) On the contrary the betting was that it would be a toss-up between the Italians, represented by the two D'Inzeo brothers on The Quiet Man and Merano, Captain Oppes on Pagoro and Dr. Tassoni, a newcomer to the field on Reattore and the Germans with H. Winkler on Halla, Fritz Thiedermann on Godewind, Schridde on Flagrant and Westheus on Ala. Indeed, although the Italians had already won the Premio Palatino, Premio Piazza di Siena and Premio Militare on previous days, inasmuch as they had drawn the disadvantage of entering the lists first in the Cup of Nations, and were further handicapped by the fact that Piero D'Inzeo, having torn a muscle on the first day of the show was riding in an orthopedic jacket, the actual favorites at the time the competition started, were the Germans.

The class opened in brilliant sunshine before a record crowd of some six thousand persons who alternately roared with approval, groaned with dismay or held their breath religiously as their own entries covered the course.

By the end of the first half of the competition, Poland, Spain, Roumania, Belgium, Holland, Portugal, Hungary and

Turkey were practically out of the running, while the French team were unexpectedly in the lead, represented by the well-known show-rider, d'Oriola on Virtuoso, Dubuisson on Radis and by two officers Captains LeFrant and de Fombelle who represent French military horsemanship at its best.

At this juncture the Italians seemed destined to tie with the Americans for second place, for the latter, to the delight of the thousands of their compatriots in the stands, had come alive and were beginning to show the stuff that they were made of. Indeed they had no sooner cantered into the ring than one sensed the difference in them; it was as if the rather languid men and horses had been electrified with vigor, and even though they had acquired one more penalty than the French on the first round, they were going so brilliantly as to warrant a belief that they would certainly be close contestants for the Cup.

### Battle Between Italy And America

Excitement mounted rapidly during the second half of the afternoon, and reached fever heat when an inexplicably bad mistake on the part of de Fombelle's clever Topinambour ruined the chances of the French. It now became a battle

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# P O L O



## Chronicle Cover

The polo pony mare appearing on our cover was a bay Thoroughbred, foaled in 1926 and bred in Argentina at the great Chapadmal Stud of Martinez de Hoz.

James P. Mills went to Argentina in 1932 as a member of the squad sent by the U. S. Polo Association to play for the first matches for the Cup of the Americas.

Mr. Mills played Cueca throughout the test matches held to select the U. S. team and brought her back to this country.

In 1933 she was played as one of Mr. Mills' ponies for the Aurora Team which won the National Open Championship at Meadow Brook.

In 1934 at Meadow Brook she was played as one of Mr. Mills' ponies on the team representing the East (Michael G. Phipps, #1; J. P. Mills, #2; Winston Guest, #3; William Post 2nd, Back), which beat the team representing the West, (Eric Pedley, #1; Elmer J. Boeseke, #2;



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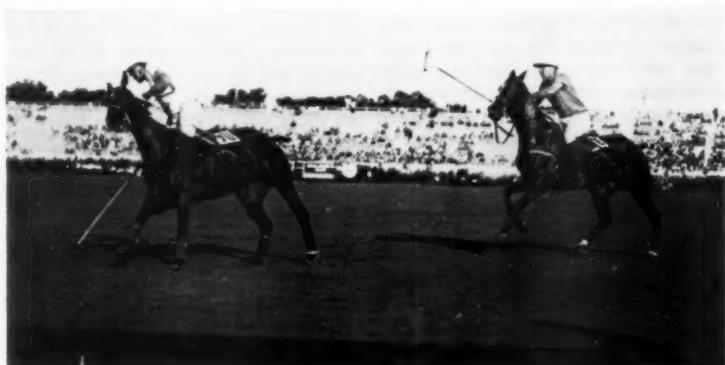
their feet. They were outmounted through most of the game. But that was the first time they were outplayed."

"He wasn't downcast. In fact, he acted kind of righteous. As though the big boys had it coming to them. He smiled quietly. 'You can say for me that this series is going to go three games. That'll never happen again.'"

## The Polo Handicap

In 1891 the U.S.A. Polo Association started its handicapping system, grading all players from the best (10 goals) to the beginner or poorest (0), allotted on the season's play in eight-chukka matches and tournaments.

This made it possible to arrange handicap tournaments for teams with total handicaps of 12, 20, 30 as required, to give lower-goal players chances of tournament experience. The records show that, at the end of the nineteenth century, three players were rated at 10 goals each — Thomas Hitchcock, the father of Tommy



In the famous seventh chukker of the East-West Polo Matches of 1934, James P. Mills on Cueca (left) reaches for the ball while Cécil Smith comes galloping up from the rear.

for Notre Dame and eleven Army men hit the ground? It was just like that.

"Mills clicked. He sailed into Smith as though the latter were Will Rogers on a mule. Guest shot him the ball. Phipps rode off Roark. And Mills romped through for a score. It was perfect. And the drive didn't stop until six goals were scored. Valley Maid, Cueca, Marcella and Hurrah were the ponies. And they set a pace that would have wearied even those bangtails from the Apocalypse.

Carleton Burke, genial Irish leader of the West, rubbed his chin reflectively in the paddock after the game. What happened? "It's an old story, son. The old men got stuck on themselves. They thought it was all over. When they got that 8-to-4 lead in the sixth chukker they thought the rest of the game would be just a canter. And those kids fooled 'em.

"Like any other game, polo battle isn't over until the last whistle's blown. And for a minute they forgot. They were taken completely unawares and swept off

Hitchcock, that greatest of No. 2s, whose handicap remained at 10 for 18 years; Foxhall Keene and Larry Waterbury.

Hitchcock pere and Foxhall Keene had both played for America in 1886, when that great horseman, John Watson (13th Hussars), took T. Hone (9th Lancers), the Hon. R. Lawley and M. Little (both 7th Hussars) to Newport, Rhode Island, to win the first of the Westchester Cup series. Foxhall Keene also represented America in 1900, when England, again led by John Watson, beat them in London for the Westchester Cup.

Larry Waterbury played in the Westchester Cup five times — in 1902, when England won, for the big four in 1909, 1911 and 1913, when America won, and in 1914, when England won. Captains Cheape, Barrett and Lockett were then, I think, rated at 10 goals.

In 1910 the American system of handicapping was adopted in England and India,

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(LEFT) Texas Sports Hall of Fame Trophy won by Texas over Florida - (L. to r.): Ray Harrington, Bill Mayer, Marylyn Goorder, Deerfield, Ill., Cecil Smith, M. B. (Sonny) Noelke, donor of the trophy, San Angelo, Tex., and Russell Firestone.



Jr. (RIGHT) - Gold Coast Cup, winning team - (L. to r.): Paul Butler, Ray Harrington, Mrs. Jorie Shober, Cecil Smith, Hugo Dalmar and Stuart L. Moore, President Boca Raton Hotel and Club.

## Permanent Polo in Florida

The year 1959 brought to Florida one of the finest polo plants in the country. A Don Beveridge and Bert B. Beveridge, operators of Polo Unlimited, signed a lease with Arvida Corporation for eighty acres of land one mile west of the Boca Raton Airport. Experts from Maine to California doubted they would see any polo on the new fields in 1959; as of this date forty nine practice games made up of teams rated from twenty to twenty eight goals, have been played. With three regulation polo fields and a stick-ball field equipped with underground watering system, six spanking new cement block barns, clubhouse, corrals, and air-conditioned living quarters for trainees, the season got underway.

The Boca Raton Polo Field, south of the famous Boca Raton Hotel, was the scene of Sunday match and tournament polo. The

season opened January 4th with a charity game for the Delray Community Chest. Boca Raton defeated Oakbrook 8 to 7.

January 11 - Fort Lauderdale Day (5, 800 spectators) - Oakbrook 13 - Boca Raton 11.

January 18 - J. Arnold Carter Trophy - Boca Raton 12 - Circle F, Dallas, Texas 6.

January 25 - Gold Coast Cup - Oakbrook 11 - Boca Raton 9.

February 1 - Arthur Vining Davis Cup - Circle F 12 - Oakbrook 10.

February 8 - Match Game - Circle F 15 - Boca Raton 9.

February 15 - Spectator Cup (Alan Howard) - Oakbrook 8 - Boca Raton 3.

February 22 - Match Game - Oakbrook 10 - Circle F 9.

March 1 - Postponed due to bad weather.

March 8 - General Schwengel Trophy -

Oakbrook 12 - Boca Raton 7.

March 15 - Circle F Challenge Trophy - Oakbrook 9 - Boca Raton 3.

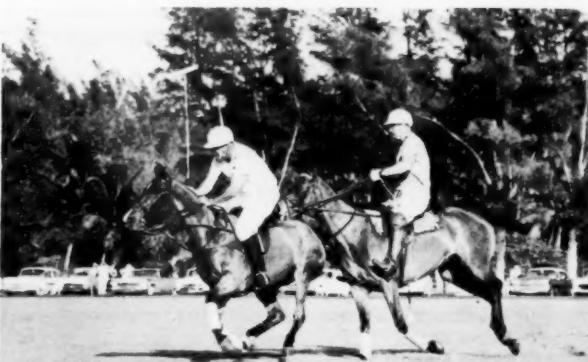
March 22d was the highlight of the 1959 Season. The Third Annual Texas Sports Hall of Fame Trophy, honoring Cecil Smith saw Smith as Captain of the Texas Team, and George Oliver Captain of the Florida team. This was the highest rated polo game in the United States this year. A 28 goal team for Texas and A 30 goal team for Florida.

The following regular and visiting players have played polo at the new Boca Raton Polo Club:

Cecil Smith, Harold Barry, George Oliver, C. C. Combs, Bill Mayer, Roy Harrington, Del Carroll, Philip Iglesias, Bob Beveridge, Jack Murphy, Kay Colee, Robert Uihlein, Jr., Bert Beveridge, Don Beveridge, Paul Butler, Russ Firestone, Wayne Brown, Cobey Yarrington, Dr. Raworth Williams, Hugo Dalmar, W. L. Hartman, Dolph Orthwein, Audie Von Gontard, Emilio Taglie, Pedro Silvero, Les Armour, Glen Hart.



(LEFT) - Down the field at Boca Raton - (L. to r.): Cecil Smith, 10 goals, George Oliver 9, Harold Barry 9 and Hugo



Dalmar 3. (RIGHT) - Action at Boca Raton - George Oliver and C. C. "Buddy" Combs.

## Horsemanship In Polo

Lewis L. Lacey

To what must we attribute the fact, so frequently noticeable amongst beginners, that, although they may be gifted with a natural aptitude for games, their progress at polo remains unsatisfactory and their handicap low?

Once they have been pointed out, most mistakes can be corrected and satisfactory progress in the game assured. There is one factor which is outstanding, namely heedlessness of "the finer points of horsemanship". These are just as essential to the polo player as perfect control of breathing is to the swimmer or correct footwork to the cricketer. In speaking of these "finer points", I am referring to riding in harmony with one's pony. This implies a precise knowledge of the "aids" in assisting the pony to be perfectly balanced, to stop, and to change leads.

**BALANCE.** Games-players know the importance of correct footwork in all sports, whether golf, cricket, tennis or boxing. If this is true of practically every game, how much more fundamentally is it so of polo where, instead of two, there are six "feet" to be controlled if we take into account the pony's four? Control over these four extra feet is important and it is the rider's will which must direct their movements. In order to exercise control, one must first obtain balance. Every games player knows that he must arrive at a certain pitch or maximum of proficiency when his rhythm and balance are correctly combined. Both pony and rider must be individually and jointly in equilibrium. Once this is attained a pony will be ready to change direction with the minimum of effort. All will then be in perfect rhythm.

Balance is obtained by schooling the animal to distribute its weight as equally as possible on all four legs. Usually an untrained pony carries about 65% of its weight on the front legs (organs of support) and 35% on the hind legs (organs of propulsion). These percentages show the necessity of redistributing the weight by

patient schooling. A well balanced pony is one that responds immediately and correctly to the rider's aids, that will gallop collectedly with good head carriage and is thoroughly relaxed on a loose rein.

**STOPPING.** Ponies should learn how to stop correctly when cantering on a straight line. There is an axiom in this connection which should be borne in mind by every young polo-player, namely "any pony that stops correctly, plays polo." Stopping correctly means having his hocks well under him and, most important of all, having a correct head carriage. Even in good polo one sometimes sees ponies which, although they stop with their hocks well under them, frequently do so without flexing the jaw. This means an incorrect position of the head and indicates that the pony does not stop by instinct, but through rough handling.

Control of the pony cannot be limited to the use of the reins alone, something that would in a very short time spoil the pony's mouth. The reins should represent about 60% of the means of stopping a pony and the rider's legs the remaining 40%. The pony will come to understand this by careful schooling, and such slow and constant schooling must be patiently and diligently undertaken by any player who aspires to be in complete harmony with his ponies.

Many a player has been seen, in an effort to stop his pony, leaning violently backwards and practically reclining on the animal's kidneys. Apart from being definitely incorrect, this causes acute pain to the pony's mouth - besides leading to a sad loss of time - since the rider must make two movements, one to recover his normal position and another to check the pony, all of which could have been done in one movement. Tight curb chains are a mistake. The pony must be taught to stop and not roughly forced to do so.

**CHANGE OF LEADS.** In order to change direction with the least possible loss of time, it is necessary to collect the pony

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before turning. This it will do instinctively in response to a slight pressure of the rider's legs. This gentle pressure of the legs is all that is required for a well trained pony and it obviates the vigorous use of the reins. The contraction of the rider's muscles on steadyng himself is a message received and quickly responded to by a well schooled pony. This is a fundamental point in training and should be practised first at a slow walk. Once a pony is well balanced and schooled it will respond readily to the leg aids. A pony's sensitiveness is so acute that, if the rider becomes a little unbalanced owing to an insecure position, this will also unbalance the pony and some pressure of the legs will be necessary to recover that loss of balance.

I must make it clear that I am referring all along to well schooled ponies, which react rapidly to the rider's readjustment of weight, and not to unschooled ponies, on which such readjustment would have the opposite effect. Hence the need to use the reins sparingly.

**REIN BACK.** Collect your pony first and then rein back slowly under control, never allowing him to rush back out of control from fear of the bit, etc. It is advisable to school with both hands on the reins and to make sure that the pony gets into the habit of a correct head position.

**POSITION IN THE SADDLE AT THE MOMENT OF STRIKING THE BALL.** At the moment of striking the ball a perfect balance in the saddle is more than ever needed. This is obtained by pivoting which can best be described as follows: - The line from shoulder to shoulder of the rider should turn sufficiently to be almost parallel to the horse's spine. This allows greater scope for the swing and consequently increases the force of impact. The principal fault with the beginner is generally the failure to pivot, by which omission the arc described by his arm is appreciably lessened and the tendency to strike at the ball when it is too far behind, instead of making contact with the head of the stick in the correct position, is therefore increased.

The foregoing can easily be verified by sitting in a chair and noticing that, when swinging the arm from the normal sitting position (i.e. when facing towards the front), the arc described is shorter and the force less (owing to the fact that the force is largely due to "push"), than when the swing is performed by pivoting the body in the manner described, with the right shoulder pointing well back. This second swing has more power by reason of the greater impulse imparted by the more complete arc described by the arm.

**SPEED.** In nearly every game speed is an important factor and especially so in polo, where the player himself controls the speed of his pony's movements. The player must "go first" taking his

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## Winter Polo in Palm Springs

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Eldorado Polo Club, in Palm Desert, California, possesses the only polo field of international size west of the Mississippi. Thanks must be extended in particular to William Tevis and Larry Tailer in whose imagination the dream of a desert polo club was conceived. Tevis and Tailer, with the cooperation of Eldorado Country Club, were joined by Bob Haynie, Willis M. Allen, Erwin Anisz, Louis Benoit, John Gallois, Ed Haas, Peter Hitchcock, Leo Hulseman, Ed Janss, Morrie Morrison, Ted Pierce, L. C. Smith and Frank Yturria - these men met, discussed and secured a charter - and Eldorado Polo Club became a reality.

Fifty years ago, polo came to California. Santa Monica, Riverside and Burlingame claimed the first clubs. Their popularity spread to Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Riviera and Will Rogers Fields.

Desert polo arrived "a few years" later, making its first appearance at Smoke Tree Ranch in 1928. This was due to the encouragement of Tom Magnin and Rod Abbott. During these polo years at Smoke Tree, Will Rogers, Russ Havens-trite, Bill Gillmore and Charlie Farrell were among the popular players.

Several years later the actual playing field was moved from Smoke Tree to the new location (the same site that is occupied by the present Palm Springs Polo Grounds) and the Palm Springs Polo Club was formed. This club still exists as a social club, meeting every fourth Sunday, but is no longer connected with actual polo playing.

In 1942 desert polo was halted, due to a slight interruption called World War II. The next appearance of polo in the Palm Springs area occurred in the winter of 1950 when Tom "Red" Guy, an Oklahoma cowboy rated at six goals, reopened the Polo Grounds and presented indoor-outdoor (arena) polo night and day.

In 1951 polo shifted from Palm Springs to the Shadow Mountain Club under the direction of Lisle Nixon. But in 1952 Guy Campbell brought polo back to the Palm Springs Polo grounds - resulting in two polo clubs in the area. In 1953 the Shadow Mountain Club stables moved to its present site, and a new polo field was built there. In 1954 Lisle Nixon managed both the Polo Grounds and Shadow Mountain Polo Club. This same year a ten-goal tournament was held at the Shadow Mountain Polo field - later becoming an annual event. In 1955 polo in the Palm Springs area was considered good enough to be awarded two indoor-outdoor tournaments by the U.S. Polo Association.

In March of 1956 outdoor polo (after about a fifteen years' absence) reappeared in the desert. This time, thanks to Hank Gogerty, Desert Air was the scene of play, using a portion of one runway as a field. Lisle Nixon now became manager

## THE CHRONICLE of the three polo fields in the Palm Springs area.

The 1957 polo season was strictly outdoor play at Desert Air. This continued until the spring of 1958.

March 9, 1958, truly a red-letter-day in desert polo, marked the opening of the new Eldorado Polo Club. The Marine Corps Band played; Brigadier General Victory threw in the first ball. Bob Skene, one of the four active ten-goal players in the world, thrilled the spectators with his brilliant mallet-work. This game, which drew a crowd of twenty-five hundred, was a benefit game for the United Fund.

Eldorado Polo Club is now in the midst of its first complete season.

At present, the club contains an international field, 900 feet by 480 feet, a No. 2 field, 900 feet by 450 feet, and a third field, being planted, that will be ready for play next year.

The stables, now under construction, will eventually contain one hundred individual stalls. There will be stabling facilities for two hundred horses.

In the near future, the present pro shop at the Country Club will be moved to a mountain-side site overlooking all three fields. This building will be renovated, redecorated and made into the Eldorado Polo Clubhouse, where polo-wives and friends may relax during the matches. Without a doubt, Eldorado Polo Club will earn its title of Winter Polo Capitol of the World in a very short time.

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## Palm Springs Polo

The players who make up the nucleus of the Eldorado Polo Clubs at Palm Springs, Calif., are: Will Tevis, charter member; President of Tevis Land and Livestock Company, San Francisco; president of San Francisco Polo Club; has distinction of playing polo longer than any polo player of our time. Morrie Morrison, charter member; president of Salton Sea Polo Club; owner of three private polo fields at his home in Mecca. Peter Hitchcock, charter member; president of Western Enterprises - Livestock, San Francisco. Willis Allen, charter member; owner of Allen Mortgage Company, La Jolla. Erwin Anisz, charter member, captain of El Robles Polo Team, Mexico City. Leo Hulseman, charter member; president of Solo Cup Company, Chicago. L. C. Smith, charter member; Governor of Pacific Coast Circuit of U. S. Polo Association, San Mateo. Ted Pierce, charter member; Santa Gertrudis cattleman, Brownsville, Texas. One other person needs special mention when we speak of "tireless effort", promotion and enthusiasm for desert polo - that, Mrs. William "Wren" Tevis, general chairman and co-ordinator of all committees of Eldorado Polo Club.

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## N. Y. Polo Roundup

Bill Briordy

One of the best co-ordinated teams seen in New York indoor polo in many a season had to be Milwaukee's fine trio of Paul Smithson, Bill Stevens and Don McCarroll. The Milwaukee side rode off with the No. 1 prize of Squadron A's 1958-59 campaign by taking the National 12-goal championship.

In order to capture the national crown, Milwaukee had to check Cornell University's game team of Ben and Pete Baldwin and Stan Woolaway in the final, 16-15. Milwaukee got the decision in sudden-death overtime on Smithson's shot forty-five seconds after the extra period began.

The Big Red's trio missed winning a third indoor crown, for the collegians previously had carried off the National intercollegiate and Eastern 12-goal championships. But the smooth-hitting



MILWAUKEE, winners of National 12 Goal Arena Championship - (L. to r.): Paul Smithson, Jr., Donald G. McCarroll, William E. Stevens, Mrs. McCarroll and E. W. Hopping.

Milwaukee team, paced by Stevens' ten goals, had just a little too much for Coach Steve Roberts' men, all from Hawaii.

The Milwaukee-Cornell final proved one of the most thrilling matches seen at the Madison Avenue armory in many a season. The match produced five ties, and it was the keen competitive spirit of Cornell's trio that brought three fourth-chukker goals to send the game into overtime.

Before Milwaukee's team returned home it capped a splendid season by defeating a trio from Argentina, 12-5. In this engagement, Zenas Colt of Squadron A filled in for Carlos Busquet, who had been sidelined by injuries suffered in a match in Venezuela. The South Americans certainly were at a disadvantage, since it was the first time they had played indoors.

Cornell's team kept the intercollegiate championship by riding to a 14-to-15 victory over the University of Virginia's team of Harvey Smith, Dick Riemschneider and Don Gerst. The Big Red broke this match open with six goals in the second chukker. In 1958, Cornell beat Yale in the collegiate final.

A highlight of the indoor season was the appearance of the Southbury (Conn.) Polo Club, an all women's team, against the New York Knights, composed of younger male players from Squadron A. The ladies may have lost the match but they won the hearts of the capacity crowd of 1,500. It marked the first time an all-women's team rode indoors in New York.

Cornell won the Eastern 12-goal honors by stopping the Blind Brook team of Stuart Feicke, Adie von Gontard and Jack Crawford, 12-9. Meadow Brook's side of Russ Drowne, Henry Lewis 3d and Al Jerkens took the Eastern Indoor League title by checking Connecticut, 16-13.

The Huntington Turtles won the annual Sherman Memorial handicap tournament and Squadron A took the annual Al Parsells Memorial competition. The Turtles, with Joe Schwartz, Art Nichols and Frank Rice, turned back the Huntington Falcons, 14-10, in the Sherman final.

The Kriendler Cup benefit match played for the New York Heart Association went to the Huntington Professionals, Curt Rosche, Vince and Dave Rizzo. The

pros beat the Squadron A Amateurs, 10-4.

All in all, the Squadron A season, run by Jack Crawford and Roy Moriarty, president of the Squadron A Polo Club, proved an outstanding one. The energetic Crawford, who worked untiringly to put the season across, now will turn his attention to the outdoor play at Long Island's Meadow Brook Club and the Bethpage Polo Club.



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pony with him. This complete domination depends on the rider having his pony properly balanced and ready to go forward, turn in any direction, or stop with a minimum of effort. This is naturally only possible with a well schooled pony.

**CONDITIONING.** When taking ponies up from pasture at the beginning of the season, too much emphasis cannot be laid on the fact that ponies should on no account be played before they have had at least a month's slow steady work being led out, walked, and trotted.

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## Milwaukee Polo Club

George W. Wolpert

Milwaukee Polo Club (MPC) is looking forward to a big 1959 season. The team will open its three-month schedule with St. Louis Polo Club, traditional opener, at St. Louis, June 7.

On June 14 the initial match of the home season will be held at Uihlein Field, probably against the Cowboys of Pierre, S.D., who are expected to stay on for a second week. Then will come one of the season's big matches with Oak Brook of Hinsdale, Ill., starring the great 10-goal Cecil Smith.

After that it will be polo every Sunday at home for Captain Bob Uihlein, Jr., and his Milwaukee team.

The public, eager for polo, has made Milwaukee the Summertime Polo Capitol of America. Uihlein Field is packed with fans on Sunday afternoons. Additional fans will have the opportunity to see several full matches televised. Last year three games were televised on WTMJ-TV, The Milwaukee Journal station. The station is interested in repeating these telecasts.

Milwaukee Polo Club, incidentally, is the only polo club in the country to televise complete matches. This treat for the fans at home - many of whom now leave their TV sets - for the live show on the field - was started in 1957 on WTMJ-TV.

MPC won increased support from the public last year, pleased with an 8-5 record of its team which was two wins better than the 1957 season, which ended 6-5.

Last year, Milwaukee was victor in the 12-Goal Intra-Circuit tournament, represented by Captain Bob Uihlein, Jr., Les Armour, Julio Muller and Richard Hanke. Solocup of Santa Barbara, California bowed to Milwaukee 6-2 in the finals. Leo Hulseman, Hugo Dalmar, Jack Murphy and George Sherman, Jr., rode for the Californians.

tourney by Boca Raton of Florida which emerged the champion by defeating Oak Brook of Hinsdale, Illinois, 11-8. The great Cecil Smith, riding with Oak Brook was held to two goals in that match.

Milwaukee might have had better luck in its own tournament had not Nature stepped in and turned the tide. And "turn the tide" is more than a figure of speech in this instance.

With 2 1/2 minutes of the third chukker remaining, the heavens opened up and rain came down with a vengeance, sending players, television camera crews and spectators scurrying for cover. Water cascaded in sheets from ominous clouds hanging low.

Milwaukee was hot at this point in the game, leading 6-5, but the rain cooled the pace and when play was resumed on the following Tuesday (matches are played on Sundays in Milwaukee) under a brilliant sky, the Milwaukee drive had abated. Milwaukee lost to Boca Raton, 10-9. Close at that!

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1958 12-Goal Intra-Circuit Champions, Milwaukee Polo Club - (L, to r.): Les Armour, Julio Muller, Dick Hanke, Mrs. Lester Armour and Capt. Robert Uihlein, Jr. (Wolpert Photo)

Armour, playing inspired polo last season, set a new Uihlein Field record for fast scoring when he drove home a 9 second goal against St. Louis in a match in which Milwaukee wallop the Missourians 17-9 for a record high score.

The previous Uihlein Field scoring record was 10 seconds held by Lew Smith when he rode with the Dallas Polo Club in the National 20-Goal Tournament in 1957 against Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dallas won the match.

Milwaukee Polo Club had its own 20-Goal Handicap tournament in lieu of the National 20-Goal being moved East last summer. The National 20-Goal had been held at Uihlein Field four consecutive summers, prior to 1958.

Captain Uihlein's team was eliminated in the opening match of the handicap

One of the saddest mishaps that could happen in polo occurred in the match between Milwaukee and Solocup last August when one of Mr. Uihlein's ponies died in action in the fourth chukker. Aboard was Gus White, Jr. Silence fell over the field as Pow-Wow, a 5-year old collapsed in a heap of a heart attack. Spectators stood in one minute of silent tribute as grooms removed the warrior from the field.

### WALSH TO DAYTON POLO CLUB

John J. Walsh, who in the winter coaches the 40 or 50 boys who play polo at the Southern Arizona School for Boys, Tucson, Arizona, this summer will be coaching and playing with the Polo Club of Dayton, Ohio.



A Turnout for polo practice at Southern Arizona School For Boys - (L. to r.): Coach J. J. Walsh, Fred Dearborn, Gary Lovelace, Tim Morrison, David Bebout, Kent Huber, John deMille, Jim Larmore, Fred Bennett, Mike Moncrief, Davis

Bennett, Tom Ham, Gordon Herkenhoff, George Payne, W. "Skipper" Knapp, Jim Brenner, Terry Machris, Tim Blaisdell, Bevan Cass, Charles Alexander, Tom Culley, Carlos Diaz, Tim Godfrey, Jack Winterbotham and Tony Potts. (Manly Photo).

## Preparatory School Polo

John H. Fritz

Again this year Valley Forge Military Academy has earned the lead position in this annual report of polo in America's preparatory schools. For polo at Valley Forge has made more progress this year than at any of the other schools where it is played. This is only the third season the Wayne, Pennsylvania, school has had a polo team. Polo became a regular varsity sport there during the spring of 1957 after the completion of the Academy's indoor riding arena, Clothier Hall. Each season has seen an increase in the number of games played and the number of players learning the game. This year Valley Forge became a member club of the United States Polo Association.

Valley Forge played a 15 game schedule this academic year beginning its season in early November and continuing play until early April. They ended their season with a record of 8 wins, 6 losses, and 1 tie to make their three season record 29-9-1. Teams played this year included Tally Ho, the Squadron A Optimists, the University of Virginia and Cornell jayvees, a Cornell alumni team, and teams from Concordville and Warrenton, Pennsylvania; Warrenton, Virginia; and Newark, Delaware. Spectators in the Forge riding hall enjoyed some close fought and exciting matches this past season including several which were decided in the final seconds of play.

International events greatly influenced the Valley Forge team this year. Mainstays of the team during the 1956-57 and 1957-58 seasons as well as at the beginning of the past season were three boys from the Dominican Republic, Bill Garcia, Jose Roman, and Roman Menendez. They had earned a reputation in the Philadelphia area as a combination which was hard to beat, even by thoroughly experienced teams. After the success of the Castro revolution in Cuba, they were called home

to the Dominican Republic to enter military service as political stirs rocked their homeland. While their loss was definitely felt, Bob Benedix of Radnor, Pa., Kit Kerns of Atlanta, Towney Vogel of Warrenton, Va., and B. J. Roberts of Waynesboro, Pa., became a first team which was almost equally hard to beat by the end of the season. Other cadets who saw competition in Clothier Hall this year were Jack Hubbard of Rosemont, Pa., Charles Halsted of Arlington, Va., Pete Pund of Darien, Conn., Eric Weiss of Morgantown, W. Va., and Jack Hick of Baltimore. In addition another 15 members of Valley Forge's Troop D were out for polo and learning the fundamentals of the game.

It is encouraging to note the varied home communities of these Valley Forge players. Eastern polo is receiving some

well trained new blood as a result of the polo program at Valley Forge which is under the direction of Lt. Col. Eugene A. Fischer, a retired cavalry officer. While Benedix will graduate this June - and it is hoped go on to play polo at the University of Virginia - the other experienced players at the Forge will be on hand again next year for what should prove to be another good polo year at Valley Forge Military Academy.

### Culver Military Academy

While the current academic year was one of progress at Valley Forge Military Academy, it was a slump year for polo at Culver Military Academy, long one of the polo strongholds among America's preparatory schools. This was the first season in many years when there was not at least one officially handicapped player on the Culver team, and the schedule included only 11 games this year as contrasted to 26 last year and 20 in the

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1956-57 season. All competition was for the varsity team with the jayvee, freshmen competitions, which marked earlier years, being dropped. The number of Culver troopers out for polo also fell off with only 17 players being listed on the team this year as opposed to 25 last year and 30 the year before. It is to be hoped this is only a temporary slacking in polo interest at the Indiana academy and that next season will see more action there again.

Culver played matches this year against teams from Peoria and Lake Forest, Illinois, Rochester, Michigan, Cincinnati, and St. Louis. The schedule also included games against teams made up of Cornell and Yale players. The season ended with 7 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie for the Culver team. Many of the matches were very one-sided, however, as the opposing teams were not very experienced. Star players on the Culver team were Winston Morris of Mexico City and Mario Silva of Havana. Morris will graduate in June, but all of the other cadets out for polo at Culver this year should be back another year. This should give coach Gerald J. Graham a good group with some experience to work with. As at Valley Forge, the Culver poloists represent a number of home communities where it is hoped they will contribute new energy to existing polo interest.

### Arizona Championship

In the Southwest the annual contest between the Southern Arizona School in Tucson and the Judson School of Scottsdale for the Arizona Schoolboy Polo Championship went to three games this year. The first match in this competition, which is between the varsity teams of the two schools, was held in Scottsdale on December 6, and Judson won 7-4. The second match of the series was played February 17 in Tucson, and SAS evened things up with a 7-5 victory. The play-off in Scottsdale on March 21 was won by Judson 6-4 giving them the Schoolboy title for the third successive year. The Judson team was composed of Steve Wagner, Bill Koehler, Steve Smith, and Mario Segala, while the SAS foursome consisted of Tim Morrison, Gary Lovelace, Fred Dearborn and Dave Bebout. Unlike Valley Forge

and Culver, who play arena polo, these Arizona schools play the outdoor game. Koehler, Smith, and Segala are graduating from Judson this June, while all of the SAS foursome will be back again next year. It's their ambition to win back the Arizona title Judson has held so long.

In the Jayvee competition between the two schools for a trophy which is one of Cecil Smith's old polo helmets, SAS's jayvee team took both games in the series to keep the trophy for the sixth straight year. SAS won the first game February 7 at Tucson 8-0 and the second game on February 28 at Scottsdale 8-4.

At SAS the emphasis is on intramural play rather than competition with other polo clubs. Aside from the annual games with Judson, the SAS varsity occasionally plays matches with the Pima County Polo Association, but lack of competing teams makes a fuller schedule impossible. John J. Walsh, polo coach at SAS, probably rates the title of the man who is doing more to develop new polo talent than any other man in the



The starting line-up of the Southern Arizona School Jayvee Team, winners of the jayvee competition between SAS and Judson. Standing: John deMille and team captain Fred Bennett. In front: Joe Harper and Kent Huber.



Culver Polo Team - Jack Goldsmith, Tito de Los Reyes, Mario Silva and the coach, Col. Gerald J. Graham.

country. When he took over at SAS in 1953 there were only 9 boys out for polo. During the past several seasons as a result of his enthusiasm and interest, from 30 to 35 boys - half the school's enrollment - have been learning to play the game each year. This has been a great challenge and a lot of work as the boys range in age from 12 to 18 and in



Judson School, Scottsdale, Ariz., varsity polo team - (l. to r.): Coach Bob Dwyer, Mike Townes, Bill Koehler, Steve Smith and Mario Sigala.

ability from complete novices to experienced players. An average afternoon will find Walsh working with as many as 8 teams, with some boys learning the fundamentals of team play at the walk, while others have a full scrimmage. Every year he organizes his many players into teams headed by an experienced player for the annual round-robin tournament. It's one of the high points in the school's activities. SAS players come from Illinois, California, Massachusetts, Texas, Ohio, and New Mexico among other states. Many play in their home communities in the summer.

Judson's coach this past year has been Bob Dwyer who plays with Milwaukee in the summer, and when he can, with a Palm Springs team. For several years the number of Judson boys out for polo has increased, and like SAS, Judson also has an active intra-mural competitive program.

### School Alumni

From these preparatory schools polo annually receives experienced new talent. Culver has long been a school where college and Mid-West polo players got their start. Pat Connors, the organizing hand behind the highly successful Indoor-Outdoor Polo Corporation in Chicago, is a Culver alumnus, and Culver alumni such as Donn Gerst, Ralph DeYoung, Frank Wilson, Rich Weyand, and John Walworth have been playing during the past season on the Virginia, Yale, and Cornell teams. Virginia's team was strengthened this year by Harvey Smith, a Judson alumnus. His brother, Steve, currently captain of the Judson varsity, hopes to go to Virginia

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## New Royal Palm Polo Club

The new Royal Palm Polo Club, when completed, will include some of the country's largest and finest polo fields. Formerly the "Boca Raton Polo Club", it has recently been transplanted three miles westward to a brand-new site, leased from Arvida Corporation, near the proposed 10,000-home city of University Park being jointly built by Arvida and the Centex Construction Company of Dallas, Texas.

Still under construction, the new Club will have four regulation playing fields, (two are already finished) each 900 by

480 feet, plus a "stick-and-ball" practice field, a grandstand accommodating approximately 4,000 spectators, a special underground watering system, and a 6-barn stabling area for 130 horses.

In addition there will be luxurious Club lounge facilities for the comfort of the polo players and their wives. Well-furnished living quarters have been provided for trainers, grooms, and exercise boys.

Another unusual feature to be built into the development is an exercise track for the horses, sixty feet wide and three-eighths of a mile in length. Royal Palm will also have individual corrals for each barn.

A total of ten thousand spectators will

be able to witness future matches at Royal Palm, including grandstand, bleachers, reserve parking space, and general admission customers.

Royal Palm's first public match is scheduled to be played at the Club's official opening in January, 1960.

According to Bert and Don Beveridge, operators of the Club, next year Royal Palm will have four 25-goal teams.

Out of 17 players in the U. S. presently rated at 7 goals or above, 7 played at the Boca Raton course during the 1959 season, including Cecil Smith, George Oliver, Harold Barry, Billy Mayer, Ray Harrington, Clarence Combs, and Del Carroll. All are expected back for the '60 season at Royal Palm.

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next year. If Bob Benedix of Valley Forge also enrolls at Virginia, the Old Dominion team will be in a strong position next season. Bob Beveridge and Bob Sheerin, both well known in polo circles are SAS alumni. Other SAS alumni still active in the sport are Dick O'Connor in Milwaukee, George Masek and Jack Kinney Moore in Arizona, and Tim Leonard in New Mexico. Judson alumni still active include Russ (Skip) Drowne in the New York area and Allan Scherer and Tony Mills on the West Coast.

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## Tommy Hitchcock

Tom O'Reilly

(EDITOR'S NOTE: - The following is from the column "A Horse On Me!", the column which Tom O'Reilly writes as a regular feature for "The Morning Telegraph".)

There is no point in being shy about this matter. If you claim familiarity with the modern game of polo and missed seeing a performance by the late Thomas Hitchcock Jr., you can camp on polo fields at Long Island's Meadow Brook Club, California's Midwick Club or from Buenos Aires to Bombay, for the rest of your life and still remain a stranger to the game. Hitchcock had to be seen to be believed. His whippy mallet could be compared to Shakespeare's pen, Michelangelo's brush or Brigitte Bardot's springy figure and still sound inadequate. At times it seemed like a magic wand that made the other swift, graceful centaurs who peopled America's velvety polo fairylands just disappear into thin air. Tommy dropped in out of the skies where he had flown with the Lafayette Escadrille in World War I. He left the same way, testing an Army fighter plane above England in World War II. No brighter star ever shone in the firmament of International sport. And Hitchcock played at a time when polo's performers were at their very peak in world history.

### The Greatest Of Them All

There were afternoons when Devereux Milburn, Malcolm Stevenson, Manual Andrade, J. Watson Webb, Earl W. Hopking, Pat Roark, Cecil Smith, Rube Williams, Lewis Lacey and the brothers Cavanaugh from Argentina (si señor, with a brogue, yet!) gave peerless Tommy a rough time of it. But those were the exceptional occasions when Hitchcock proved he was human. Usually he outclassed everyone. He was ranked at 10 goals (the absolute top) for 18 years. He was polo history's lone performer of whom it could be said "He was worth 10 goals no matter what position he played."

Nobody except his mother could say of Tommy Hitchcock "I knew him when ..." When he was 14 the gracious "Lady of Aiken" taught him polo with a group of other Long Island youngsters who called themselves the Meadow Larks. Had not World War I intervened, Tommy, who was born at the turn of the century, might have experienced the customary slow climb from low-goal competition to high-speed polo, but I doubt it. Most great athletes such as Bobby Jones or Babe Ruth seem to leap from total obscurity to fame with few tiresome stops and Hitchcock was great indeed. From the time he first appeared in a United States Open Championship, in 1919, until his death in 1944, Thomas Hitchcock Jr.

was the first choice of everyone naming a United States International polo team. He was the greatest player in the world.

Hitchcock's World War I experiences have been told often enough to become trite if they were not, like most of his fighting exploits, magnificent. At 16 he left St. Paul's School to fly for France, serving with distinction as a pilot until his bouncing kite was shot down, at 1,000 meters, behind the German lines. He spent four months in German hospitals and many more in prison camps. While being transferred from one camp to another he leaped through the window of a train crossing a river near the town of Ulm and escaped. Walking only at night, guided by a compass and fed with food saved from his rations, he covered 100 miles to the Swiss border, near Berne, in eight days. He became a man early.

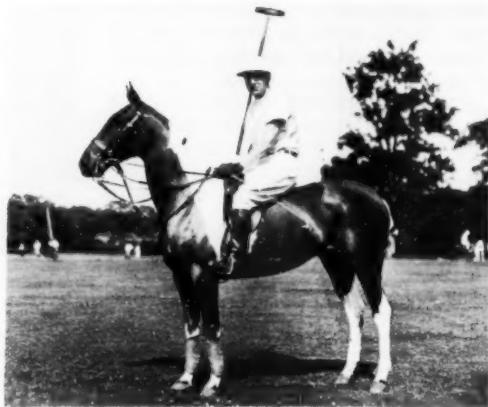
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est of all devotees in a notoriously wild game marked for its extremes.

Even in defeat Hitchcock was terrific. I saw him outmounted and occasionally outhit, but never outplayed. Physically his attributes included the customary flawless riding ability, powerful accurate hitting and superb condition. During the off-season he rose early on each working day to box three fast rounds with a trainer before breakfasting and departing for Wall Street. He was one of the most popular members of the firm of Lehman Brothers, bankers. Asked why he chose boxing as a conditioner, he replied, "I think it brings a fellow to the point of exhaustion quicker than any other exercise." On several occasions I watched him box. Like everything else, he went at it hammer and tongs. He had to wear gloved the size of pillows.

### Dramatic Performer

Mentally his gifts were a natural fearlessness plus absolute concentration and a lightning-like ability to anticipate and act instantaneously on the next move

Thomas Hitchcock, Jr.  
on Tobiano, at the #1  
Field at Meadow  
Brook. (Freudy Photo)



### The Intensity Of Genius

It has been said that genius is difficult to live with, and on the day of a polo match Tommy was intense to the point of fanaticism. A broad-shouldered, six-foot, light-heavyweight with powerful arms, light blue eyes, a shy smile and straight unruly brown hair that tumbled down over his forehead, Tommy could be the soul of affability off the field or even before a match. Yet on dismounting after the final whistle at the end of a game, he was such a bundle of taut nerves that he seemed to give off sparks. Unlike his colleagues he rarely changed clothes at the club. Quickly he would bundle into a polo coat, climb into a car and go home. He played at such a pitch that it took time for him to get unwound. Usually he appeared miserable while posing with his mates for pictures around the cup after winning a tournament final. He was impatient to get away. This gave some people the impression that he was a cold person. Actually he was the fierc-

of friend or foe. There were days when high-powered opposition (he was playing with giants) seemed about to shake his team to pieces until Hitchcock, riding at Number Three, would become a mounted dervish whose slam-bang tactics, cat-like quickness, tremendous hitting and omniscient direction appeared to pull his mates together by sheer power of will. He was a performer who gave all he had - which was plenty - and left an audience limp. Rube Williams voiced the general consensus when he said, "To play against him was an education." He was the most dramatic performer I ever saw on any stage. I missed Caruso and Nijinsky. I'm grateful that I didn't miss Hitchcock, too. His like will never be seen again.



## British Polo

W. Holden White

London - Disappointing as it is that, thanks to Argentine politics, their top army team has had to cancel their British visit, the polo season here looms more than interesting. There will still be paprika and curry in the polo sauce of normal play. A half dozen Argentines have managed to bring ponies and come; there are Indians, Pakistanis and Mexicans, and, for the Cowdray Gold Cup, Ellie de Rothschild will bring his conglomerately international team.

A year ago right now we wrote the season looked just interesting, but with no galaxy. It looks far brighter for 1959, but still not great.

Dickie Santamarina has arrived here with 12 ponies - seven to play and five for immediate sale. Little bustling and ball-busting Rickie Lanussi, also from the Argentine, is here with a string. Both of these are based at Cowdray Park. Up north at Cheshire are little and great Alec Mahanovitch and slender, wiley Diaz Alberdi. At Windsor is Tico Lalor. These are all Argentinos. Back and based at Cowdray Park are Hanut Singh, Prem Singh, Kishin Singh all from India. From Pakistan is the bristle-moustached Brig. "Hesky" Ali Begg. From Mexico comes one of the Gracida brothers to play with Evelyn de Rothschild, but which one of the brothers is not known at the moment. It's spicy ginger to put into the polo loaf. Invariably visiting firemen turn up to leaven it even more.

Considerable spice (and gate receipts wherever he plays) is out for the season - Prince Phillip, who will be in Canada to help the Queen open the St. Lawrence Seaway. Within 24 hours of his return from his round-the-world tour he was stick-and-ballng his ponies at Windsor and next day playing full-gallop polo. He will only be back to just play a game or two in big Cowdray Week. This is too bad. Rightfully "The Dook" was raised to 4 goals after last season. He loves the game, is better mounted now than he has ever been, and if he had more time would have an even higher handicap. (Remember that at 6 goals John Lakin is the highest handicapped of British polo players, so you can go on that basis.) Prince Phillip's grand head girl-groom Pam Sheffley, responsible for everything from schooling ponies on down, has been in tough trouble. One of the ponies lashed out, breaking her right arm. In a big cast she has not missed a minute of work.

### Cowdray Gold Cup

The biggest "pot" of the season is always the high-goal Cowdray Gold Cup played for in July. This was what the Argentine Army team were coming over to win. Despite their lamented absence it would look as if there might be four or five teams in it. With a Gracida, the fine

Spaniard Domecue, and himself plus another to be yet chosen Count Ellie de Rothschild will bid for the gold. Cowdray Park (winners last year) have fixed their defending team as young John Lucas, Alec Harper, Dickie Santamarina, and John Lakin. Well mounted they will take a lot of beating. This leaves several veteran spare parts hanging loose around the country all of whom will unquestionably be formed into battling teams for his tournament. Without doubt Humphrey Guinness will pick up several of these for a Windsor team. Arthur Lucas will undoubtedly do the same for Woolmer's Park. There are enough wheels around to make this Gold Cup spin fast.

### Medium Goal Tournaments

But the real backbone of British Polo since 1946 has been and still is 6 to 12 goal polo. "Medium goal" it is called here. At all 19 British polo clubs it is the real basis of play and raison d' etre. The three most important of these "medium goal" events are in order of play The Windsor Gold Cup, The County Cup, and the Cowdray Cup. Two seasons ago the juvenile Media Luna Argentine youngsters copped all three. Such a "hat trick" has never been done before and

is not likely to be accomplished again. Of these three tournaments the veteran of the lot is The County Cup. It was first played for in 1895, is a four-foot silver giant with a fine active polo player on top. It's plinth records all the winners and is full of polo's great. Having won it twice, we have had many opportunities of studying this history as it graced our sideboard. We might add it is an expensive thing to win as it easily holds six bottles of champagne.

Because of transportation expense, this year the Hurlingham Polo Association has seen fit to sectionalize the early rounds of the County Cup so only the four semi-finalists will play the ties on the ground where the cup will be given away. This will be at the big army post of Tidworth in Wiltshire. Army polo there has had a great revival with old polo-playing regiments, like the various Lancers, Royal Horse Artillery and such, gradually accumulating strings of ponies. You won't find many better fields than the Fisher and Tattoo fields and with military bands, flags, uniforms Tidworth polo is a wonderful sight. On the other hand we are sorry the County Cup has been so restricted. Always for most of a week it brought together players, enthusiasts, and ponies from all over the country. One saw people at it one did not see at any other time. It

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(L. to r.): Prince Philip, Humphrey Guinness, Ernesto Lalor, A. Goni, J. Baritz, Col. S. V. Kennedy, Peter Dollar, John Lakin, Alic Harper and Gerald Critchley. Col. Harper (2nd from right) is famous for producing, year after year, some of the finest Thoroughbred ponies in the game which have had great success, not only in tournament play, but also in the Cirencester Show polo pony classes.

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was a great gathering and is going to be missed on that basis.

## Make-Up Of The Teams

These "medium goal" teams are just formulating and it is hard to forecast the hot ones at this writing. Take the entries from Cowdray Park first. Cowdray will have Daphne Lakin, Paul Withers, Peter Dollar and John Lakin a wonderfully mounted, experienced team. The Centaurs of Evelyn de Rothschild will be Evelyn plus brilliant young John Lucas, a Gracida brother, and probably Fred Withers - a well mounted side and a tough nut for anyone to crack. Hanut Singh will have a Ratanada team of himself, Charlie Smith-Ryland (returned to polo after two years absence with leg thrombosis), Robert de Pass and another yet to be picked. Another team built around the great Prem Singh and little Lanussi is most likely to be formed. This gives Cowdray plenty of firing ammunition for the contests.

At Windsor little 71 year-old Archie David will have a Friar Park team of himself, Lord Patrick Beresford, Tico Lalor, and one of several young Guards

officers Archie has been brought on. Minus Prince Phillip for most of the season veteran Humphrey Guinness is going to be pushed in formulating his Windsor team. He will have quick and useful Col. Gerard Leigh as a big help, but not only does he have to find a substitute for Prince Phillip but also for young Capt. Ronnie Ferguson who has been the ball-busting No. 2 for the past two years. Ronnie is playing Arab ponies on duty out in Aden. It is rumored that, while Prince Phillip is away, the veteran stalwart Maj. Gen. David Dawnay will play the royal ponies.

Just what Cirencester can or will produce this year is a question. There is much young human and equine talent up there if it can be moulded. A team could be built around Hon. George Bathurst, Col. Tony McConnell, young Colin Trotter, and Bryan Bethell. But they will not have Argentine Wyndham Lacey to hold them together as they did last year, when they made trouble for every opponent.

Arthur Lucas at Woolmer's Park is being highly secretive about his plans. Last year plus his brilliant son John, who has moved to Sussex, had Dr. Georg Mendez of the Argentine and one or two

others. It is not known who Woolmer's Park will produce this time, but produce they will.

Kirtlington up in Oxfordshire with sage, sound Brig. George Fanshaw, Clem Barton, Allan Budgett the race-horse trainer, plus anyone else will make trouble. They are always brilliantly mounted, play steady sound polo. No team slightly off their game can afford to play them on any given day.

The "sleeper" in this resume of 12 goal teams is Cheshire. They just missed winning lots of "pots" last season and have improved their pony strength. They have imported back again quiet, brilliant, team-playing Diaz Alberdi. If they line up again with the two Moseley cousins, Mickey and Pat, the upcoming No. 1 Charlie Ramsden and Alberdi, anything might happen. They will probably have a second team of wonderful little Alec Mahanovitch from the Argentine who will play with the improving Lord Rocksavage. With Alberdi and Mahanovitch playing against each other and drilling players in practice sessions it means Cheshire are going to play better and faster polo when the money is up. THIS is the club to watch.

## The Younger Players

If you put on your bifocals and look diligently then gradually through British polo you will see some hope of youngish players starting to come to the fore. Its about time. The enthusiastic revival of army polo at Tidworth, mainly under the urge of Brig. Dick Hobson and some sporting regimental colonels, augurs well. By one means or another the regiments have been accumulating ponies. Any morning sharp and bright at 7 a.m. you may see officers out playing UNDER ORDERS! So far in a short time they have not produced any stars but if their regime and consolidated instruction continues they will. The B.A.O.R. regiments in Germany are hatching the same way. Same goes for the Household Cavalry Brigade stationed at Windsor. It could be in a few years time the old regiments of British soldiery which produced such fine horsemen and players in days gone by will do so again. Its on the make anyway and that is a healthy sign.

Trouble is these "young" are apt to get gobbled up by the old veterans. They learn a lot of polo but generally get no further than 4 goals. To our mind, and experience, no polo player is ever worth more than 4 goals until he has run and been the mainstay of his own team win, lose, or draw. When you have to rely on yourself alone and come through even in a loss than you learn and are somebody. The immortal Tommy Hitchcock once told us, "I have learned more from losing than I ever have from winning". If you look over the records Tommy except in the big ones got beat more than he won. He learned for those big ones by carrying a team in the lesser tournaments.

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## 1959 Handicap Leaders

The United States Polo Association 1959 handicap list shows Cecil Smith of the Oak Brook Polo Club, Hinsdale, Illinois and San Antonio, Texas, and Bob Skene of San Mateo, California, kept their 10-goal ratings in outdoor polo.

Smith, a 10-goaler since 1938, has been riding for the Oak Brook Polo Club for several years and was first rated 10 goals in 1934. Skene, the other active 10-goaler, is a transplanted Australian who has carried the top ranking since 1951. He has been playing with the San Mateo Polo Club and in 1958 played the pivot position on the Dallas team, winners of the National Open Championship.

Alan L. Corey, Jr., of the Meadow Brook Club, Westbury, Long Island, Harold Barry of Boca Raton, Florida and George Oliver, Boca Raton and Milwaukee, remained at 9 goals. The 1959 list includes one new name at the nine goal rating, namely, Dr. William R. Linfoot of San Francisco, California, who was also a member of the winning Open Championship Dallas team.

Among those who retained their 8 goal ratings were Dr. Clarence C. (Buddy) Combs, Eatontown, New Jersey, Ray Harrington, Jr., of Brandywine, Pennsylvania and San Antonio, Texas; Northrup R. Knox and Lewis Smith of East Aurora, New York; Billy Mayer, Oak Brook and San Antonio; and Gus White, Jr., of Milwaukee and Texas. G. H. Bostwick and Philip Iglesias of Meadow Brook, Jack Ivory, Detroit, Del Carroll, Milwaukee and Arlington Farms, Omaha, Nebraska, and Juan Rodriguez of Palm Beach stayed at 7 goals. Julio Muller of the Boca Raton Club, Florida, was moved from 6 to 7 goals.

Donald C. Bradley of the Washington, D. C. Polo Club was put up from 3 to 4 goals and another handicap increase was Richard Hanke of the Milwaukee Polo Club who jumped from 1 to 3 goals.

### PATTON ON POLO

When the late General George S. Patton was a mere major in the Army, he played for a polo club that won the Hawaiian Island championship. Later, he issued a solemn comment on the excellence of polo as training for military men. It included, among other things, the following: "There are constant and real physical hazards in polo and, talk as we will of the necessity for cool judgment in combat, it is, nonetheless, a fact that no man can stay cool in battle unless he is habituated to the exhilarating sense of physical peril. No sport, save possibly steeplechasing and football, is so good a school in this respect . . . The War Department, then, in encouraging polo, is doing a very economical thing . . . rendering more efficient a body of men on whom, should war recur, the honor of our country will depend."

(Tom O'Reilly in "The Morning Telegraph")

### PHILIP'S GIFT PONIES

The President of Pakistan has recently presented to Prince Philip two polo ponies. Undoubtedly they will be tried out on Smith's lawn, on the grounds of Windsor Castle, the home field of the Household Brigade Polo Club of which Prince Philip is president.



Franklin Levinson, 12 years old, heading toward goal, being ridden off by Richard Gibson, rated by United States Polo Association at 4 goals. Close behind Franklin is his father, Ben Levinson, Detroit mortgage banker, one of the several father-and-son polo combinations in the country. Coming up behind, in dark jersey, is Leonard Foley, now in the pharmaceutical business in Detroit, former horse trainer for Wiley Jones in Oklahoma. The photo was taken during a match between the Allied Veterans and Birmingham Ramblers.

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## Oak Brook

### Polo Club

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Oak Brook, the Polo Capital of the World, will again be the scene of the 1959 National Open Polo Championship.

Starting the season will be the Oak Brook Horse Show, on June 4, 5, 6 and 7, which will bring some of the country's top exhibitors to Oak Brook.

The 1959 Polo Season opens on June 15th with high goal polo featuring such players as Paul Butler, Captain of the Oak Brook team, with 10-goaler Cecil Smith; Don Beveridge, Captain of the Detroit CCC team and 9-goaler Harold Barry; Bert Beveridge, Captain of the Diamond B team and 9-goaler George Oliver; Russell Firestone, Captain of the Circle F team, with 8-goalers Bill Mayer, Ray Harrington and Del Carroll.

Tournament action starts the week of July 19th with the Central Intra Circuit Cup at stake.

August will bring the cherished Uihlein 20-Goal.

September 7 through 13 the highlight of Polo - the National Open will be played. Already seven top teams from Maine to California and as far as Honolulu and Argentina will send their best for this Tournament.

Following the National Open Oak Brook will feature the Paul Butler National Handicap.

During the polo matches Oak Brook will be the scene of part of the Pan American Games. Starting September 2 through 7th Oak Brook will show the Dressage Events along with the three-day events.

The famous Alan Howard Spectator Cup will close out the season.



OAK BROOK POLO CLUB - (L. to r.): Don Beveridge, Bob Beveridge and Paul Butler, Captain of the Oak Brook Polo Team.

## Indian Polo Association

### The Maharaja of Jaipur

The Indian Polo Association was formed in the year 1892. At that time there were a number of Polo Clubs patronised by the Ruling Princes which had well-known and famous players. The Polo teams of Alwar, Bhopal, Bikaner, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Patiala, Jodhpur, Kshangarh and Kashmir were among the prominent ones. Some of the well-known Army teams, comprising of the British and Indian Cavalry Regiments were: (a) 17/21st Lancers; (b) The 10th Hussars; (c) The 15th Lancers; (d) The Central Indian Horse, and (e) The P.A.V.O. Cavalry.

It was to a large extent due to the Rulers' generous support that the game gained so much popularity and came to be known as the 'Game of Princes' during its hey day. The Rajputs and the Sikhs made a further valuable contribution in raising Polo to its present standard during the first two decades of the 20th century. Superb horsemanship, combined with excellent stick work and technique, were in evidence in those days. The famous Jaipur team established a unique record by winning all open tournaments in Britain and the Indian Championship successively from 1930 to 1938. The Championship Tournament has not since been played.

When World War II broke out Polo almost came to a stand-still. After the cessation of the hostilities, the game suffered a serious setback with the mechanization of the Cavalry regiments, as it became almost impossible for the officers to continue the game at their own expense. With the political changes in the country, the Princes could not extend the same generous patronage to the game. It has now devolved on the Indian Polo Association to revive the old standards of the game.

The Indian Polo Association has the President of India as its Patron-in-Chief. I am its President and the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, is the Vice-President. The Governing Body of the Indian Polo Association is known as the Committee of Stewards. In order to facilitate control, the country has been divided into various zones, each under the charge of a Steward who ensures the progress of Polo in his respective sphere. The Indian Army is an independent zone by itself and it nominates a representative as a Steward.

### Mass Appeal

With a view to restoring popular interest in this great national sport, the Indian Polo Association managed to invite an Argentine Polo team "La Concepcion" to India in 1950, which played exhibition matches in Jaipur, Delhi, and Bombay. Although this visit proved very expensive, considering the slender resources of the Indian Polo Association, it had the desired effect as the matches drew large enthusiastic crowds of spectators, thus indicating and confirming that the game was still as popular with the masses as in the past.

Since 1949 the Argentine Polo Association, a great pioneer in the world of Polo, has been extending pressing invitations to the Indian Polo Association to send a representative team there, but owing to financial and other considerations it has not been possible to take advantage of this offer. The estimated expenditure comes



A. Don Beveridge, Captain of Detroit CCC team, making an offside forward shot, at Oak Brook Polo Club.

Ray Harrington, 8-goaler, Member of Circle F. Team, Dallas, Tex., at Oak Brook Polo Club.

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to 75,000 rupees which is rather difficult to raise.

Last year an Indian Army Polo Team visited Pakistan during the Horse Show and Polo Tournament there, and again this year we sent out an I.P.A. team to Lahore. Our players gave a very good account of themselves on the playing field. At the invitation of the Indian Polo Association, the Pakistan Army Polo Team visited India last month and participated in a series of tournaments and exhibition matches. At Jaipur the visitors played in two tournaments and an exhibition match against 'Rajasthan'. Large and unprecedented crowds of spectators came to witness the well-contested matches. At Delhi the Pakistan Polo team played two exhibition matches - one against the Army and the other against India. The President of India and the Prime Minister gave away the prizes.

The 'Rajputan Polo Club' which was formed in 1901 with the support of various Rulers of Rajputana was renamed the 'Rajasthan Polo Club' on the formation of Greater Rajasthan in 1949. Two members of this Club, Maharaja Prem Singh and Maharaja Zabarsingh, are at present in the Dominican Republic as coaches on one year's contract and are reported to be doing well.

Jaipur, Delhi, Calcutta and Dehra Dun are at present the four centers where polo is played. We are trying to revive interest in Polo in Bombay, as it has somewhat waned there. It is heartening to see that Calcutta is staging a comeback although they restarted polo only about two years ago. Strenuous efforts are being made to revive the Polo Championship Tournament there which was an important annual event in the old days.

Rajasthan has, so to say, been the cradle of Polo since it has contributed



Paul Smithson, left, and Fred Lutzow, two of the outstanding players of the Indoor Polo League in Chicago, scrimmage in the Chicago Ave. Armory where polo is played each year on Saturday nights through January, February and March.

substantially to this sport. It is well-known that Jaipur has been the centre of Polo in India during the last 15 years. Even during the War we managed to play. The 61st Cavalry, which is the only mounted regiment in India and has some real polo enthusiasts, is at present stationed at Jaipur which helps a great deal in keeping polo going.

Although the pessimists say that the days of polo are over in our country, all lovers of the horse and of the sport must rise to the occasion and strive hard to revive and popularise this game of Indian origin so that our players will be able to compete in the world arena of polo. (Reprinted from "Equitacion")

cipient. Game is sponsored by Wayne County Medical Service group.

The club has also listed six other matches which include contests for the benefit of Amvets, several games to aid the hospital committee of the Allied Veterans Council, and others for the benefit of Kiwanis and Rotary charitable activities.

Ben Levinson, secretary, announced the club's plans.

Other officers, elected at a recent conference, include Gwen Brown, president; Rich Gibson vice-president and Leonard Foley, treasurer.

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## Michigan Polo

With a full schedule of matches, Walnut Ridge Polo Club, Walled Lake, Michigan, is looking ahead to an active, season.

Opening match has been set for Saturday, June 20, at the club field, 7571 Walnut Lake Rd. Opposing clubs will battle for the benefit of "sweet charity", with the Michigan Epileptic Society the re-

Potential players in the area for the coming season, as scouted by the club's Rich Gibson, himself a USPA-rated player, are Jack Ivory (veteran Ivory Ranger star, and former top-rated player) George Benjamin, Mike Wacker, Larry and Dave Williams, Jack Stefani (former Ivory player), Gwen Brown, Tom Young, Franklin Levinson, Wendy Smith, Bob Peterson, Rich Gibson, Len Foley and Ben Levinson.

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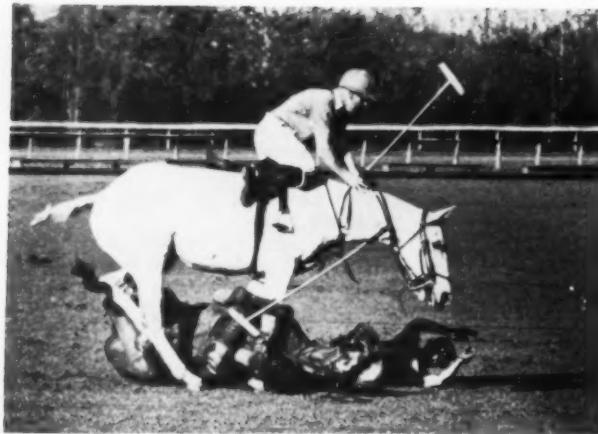
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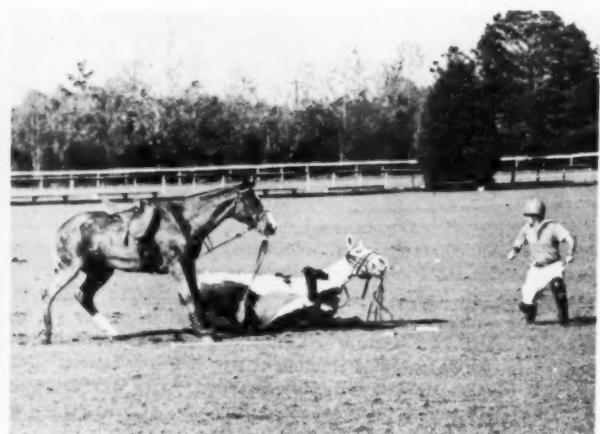
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(Left): John "Trader" Clark and his mount reposing on the ground as Pete Bostwick on his grey pony, Going My Way, stumbles and he begins to leave the saddle. (RIGHT): A few



seconds later Bostwick's pony rolling over Clark's head with Mr. Clark's mount standing dazed and Mr. Bostwick getting to his feet at the extreme right. Amazingly, nobody was hurt.

(John Busch Photos)

## Aiken Polo

One point victories were the rule, not the exception, at Aiken (S. C.) this last winter. The season began the first of February and ran through the first week of April. It was indeed a dandy. Every game was hard fought.

Four of the nine games played resulted in a tie. Three were decided in an overtime period. The other was called tied because two of the players did not have mounts for additional play.

Most of the matches were between Aiken and Chicago, or Aiken and Buffalo.

The Aiken lineup was always led by Pete Bostwick, who seems to grow younger and better with the years. No one in the game today plays it with more zest.

Vince Rizzo, who works for Pete, generally lined up with him for Aiken. And Vince is one to watch in polo. He's only four goals now, but with a few years more of seasoning don't be surprised if he's not up there with the tops.

The wonderful Lewis Smith - eight goals and a prince to play with or against - was generally the strong man for either

Chicago or Buffalo.

Filling out the Chicago team with Lewis were Jim Kraml and his sons Ken and Jim, Jr. Al Kimmel, who trained the Kraml ponies, played when one of the youngsters couldn't commute for the games.

The Buffalo squads, of course, were composed of Lewis and his bosses, Nordy and the younger and elder Seymour Knox. They play together winter and summer, and they operate like a well-oiled piece of machinery - fast, smooth, and efficient.

Between games Nordy flew to Boston to beat the world's professional champion in a court tennis match. The winter before Nordy had become the world's amateur champion.

Nordy is tremendous at hitting a polo ball on the ground - he's eight goals - but there's no one who can stop one in the air like him. His eye for a ball is amazing.

Walter Shapter and Bo Baker, from Columbus, Ohio, played the Shapter ponies in the February games. They came over

from Camden, S. C., where they played in January. In March they shipped on down to Palm Beach.

Otis Harris, also of Columbus, was down with his string for three games in late February and March.

Allen Cory came in March and took his customary position in the Aiken line-ups. With him came 14-year-old Allen, Jr., who got into the practice games and played well, by the way. Young Allen rides and hits well and has game sense, to boot.

Heath Manning and John (Trader) Clark played in nearly all the week-day practice sessions and twice were loaned to Aiken by their respective clubs, Columbia and Camden, for Sunday games. Bobby Wilson came from Memphis for one Sunday event, and Chuckie Wright, of the Bostwick stable, filled in a couple of times when he was needed.

Aiken was a beehive of polo this season. Only two Sunday games were rained out. Practices were twice a week, generally on Tuesday and Thursday.

Billy Post did his usual fine job as referee. Col. Howard Fair, down from Pennsylvania on a visit, officiated on one occasion.

Crowds for the Sunday games were good all season long.

Prospects for next winter Aiken polo are good. Most of the regulars will be back. Some other enthusiastic players have indicated they'd like to ship in for the season and have been invited.



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### Virginia Polo Assn.

Ed Lovern

The well-organized New York Athletic Club polo team defeated the Virginia Polo Association, 5-1, at Brook Hill Farm Sunday afternoon. New York's two goal captain, Pete Johnson, scored three goals and efficiently controlled the play with his powerful hitting.

New York gained quick possession and an early lead in the opening chukker as Ralph Pearlburger, riding at position one, tapped in a short goal. Most of the scoring occurred in the next period with Johnson first slamming home a set-up by his defensive player, John Greenleaf.

Virginia's only score came after they had lost the ball out of bounds near the New York goal. The knock-in was intercepted by Harvey Smith, riding in the number two position, who took the ball through the uprights. This score was followed with another by Johnson, as he out raced his guard and scored with a hard hit straight-in shot from 30 yards.

Chukker four brought the visitors another point as Virginia's Roger Rhinehart, ranked at one goal, desperately backed a rolling ball out of the mouth of the goal posts. His shot ricocheted off Johnson's pony and through the posts for a New York score. The New York Captain earned his final point as referee Doug Nicoll's whistle closed the period.

A few penalties and a safety against the northern team filled the remainder of the contest, but no more goals were scored. Virginia made several valiant attempts to raise their score with skillful malletwork by Posey and Smith. But each time Johnson was in position to send the ball in the opposite direction.

The teamwork of the New York Athletic Club and the powerful hitting of their

captain brought the Virginia record to 2-2.

For their third victory of the season the Virginia Polo Association defeated Myopia Hunt Club, 6-4, at Brook Hill Farm this Sunday, May 10. The powerful six-goal Boston team played a beauti-

ful game, but Virginia was given a three goal handicap, which the visitors couldn't overcome.

Led by Myopia's five-goal captain, Zenas Colt, who scored two points, every player scored during the match. Neil Ayers, riding as number three for Boston grabbed the opening toss-in and quickly scored the game's first goal. Myopia controlled the ball through the first chukker and, again in the following period, they gained quick possession. Then Virginia's Herb Jones, ranked at one goal, intercepted a long drive and brought it up the sideboards at a gallop. Setting himself up with a long shot from the side, the Charlottesville doctor raced in to tap in the home-team's first earned point.

With the score at 4-1, the Massachusetts riders came to life in chukker three. One goaler Tom Calhoun scored and was followed by captain Colt, who slammed a beautifully hit ball through the Virginia team from fifty yards out.

Harvey Smith put Virginia two points ahead with a close shot that bounced off the upright for another goal after the half time. Again Myopia's hard hitting captain took over and brought the ball from his goal with three powerful strokes to score his second point.

The Virginians were blocked from capitalizing on several excellent chances

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## Intercollegiate Polo (1958-1959)

Ed Lovern

Playing a more important role in national polo competition every year, intercollegiate polo is growing stronger and attracting more and more young riders. Perhaps the main function of college polo is to develop future players to keep the sport alive and growing throughout the United States, and they are fulfilling this responsibility in fine fashion. The value of the college clubs can be seen by looking at some of their graduates, who are active in national polo today: Camillo Saenz, Pete Johnson, Fred Nice, and Alberto Santa Maria from Cornell; Don Hanna, Sandy Bowers, and Malarkey Wall of Virginia; and Mike Poutiatine, Joe Williams, Perry Welch, and Fred Lutz from Yale. These alumni and many more are the products of organized collegiate polo and have moved up to the next bracket actively and successfully.

### Cornell Still Leading

Cornell University is still leading the intercollegiate league with Yale and the University of Virginia providing excellent competition. Georgetown is gaining more ground week by week through the efforts of captain Jerry Shields of Long Island and Squadron A. Gus Aspilaga, a one-goaler from Lima, Peru, and Californian Mike Duval also ride with the young Georgetown

team. Currently these boys are trying to work out an arrangement with one of the Washington area clubs for the use of a home field.

Out of commuting distance from the northern college teams, Miami University spends most of its time playing local clubs. Coached by Everett King, who is also with Brandywine, the Miami trio participated in the National Intercollegiate Tournament held in New York's Squadron A Armory in March. Opposing Cornell in the first play-offs, Preston King, Everett King, Jr., and Pete Sloan gave a fine performance but were no match for the powerful Big Red.

Harvard is joining the ranks of intercollegiate polo. Working through Boston's Myopia Hunt Club, Tommy Hitchcock, Devreux Milburn, and Terry Snow have the beginning of what should develop into one of the country's better teams.

The interests of college polo were helped tremendously by the visit of an American team to England in the summer of 1958. This International Intercollegiate Squad earned a 10-2 record against fine British clubs, defeating Cambridge, Cirencester, and the Duke of Windsor's Household Brigade Team. The victorious foursome was made up of former Yale captain George Weymouth, Cornell's Pete Baldwin, Dick Riemenschneider of the

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University of Virginia, and Stan Woolaway from Cornell. Miami's Everett King, Jr. was the team's non-traveling alternate.

In American competition, Cornell, running pretty true to form, is the season's top college team. Four goaler Pete Baldwin, his brother Ben, and Stan Woolaway, all from Hawaii, play - and win - most of the New York Squad's matches. Alternate Bill Spieden, from Orange, Virginia, has been a valuable asset to the club throughout the season.

The 1958 National Champions downed the University of Virginia, 9-6, in October and went on to beat Yale. After significant victories over the Optimists and Blind Brook in March, Pete, Ben, and Stan rode off with the Intercollegiate Tournament for their second straight year.

The annual tournament brought together the five East Coast college teams on March 16 and generally reiterated their relative positions. Yale eliminated Georgetown while Miami went down to Cornell in the preliminaries. The University of Virginia received a bye and took on Yale in the semi-finals. In a fine, well-played match, the Cavaliers defeated the Elis, but Cornell proved to be too strong for them in the finals. By a score of 14-5 the New Yorkers emerged as 1959 Champions.

With victory in the Eastern 12-goal Tournament and a 21 game winning streak, Cornell opposed the Milwaukee Knights  
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**SAN FRANCISCO POLO** - A spot of action at the 1958 games in Golden Gate Park. From left, Tom Scoble, Vic Graber #2, Billy Linfoot, #3, Bill Atkinson, #4.



**SAN FRANCISCO POLO** - The Stockton Team won the Mayor's Trophy. (l. to r.): Fay Humphries, Jack Conant, Todd Helser, Dr. Neill Johnson.

## San Francisco 1959 Season

Martha O. Brown

The Polo Committee of the San Francisco Polo and Racing Club for the 1959 season is composed of Jack Conant, Gordon Coryell, Todd Helser and Peter Hitchcock. The 1959 season will run from May to November and will consist principally of one game per Sunday, which will primarily be a Tournament Game. However, the number of polo players is increasing each season, so after the official game, there will usually be a second game played at Golden Gate Park each Sunday.

Special match games of particular importance will be interspersed among Tournament games, such as games built around Bill Linfoot, The West Coast's famous 9 goal polo star and Bob Skene, Beverly Hills 10 goal star. Games begin promptly at 1:00 PM.

The following Tournaments have been scheduled: Verdier (12 goals); Mayor's Cup (10 goals); Schwerin (8 goals); Olsen Nolte (6 goals) and Leonard Memorial (4 goals). The Committee's thinking at present is to schedule the higher goal Tournaments early, while we have our higher goal players available, prior to Santa Barbara and The Nationals. Santa Barbara is now opened for polo in July and August, as well as for the early spring games.

The 1959 Polo Season at Golden Gate Park began Sunday, May 3, 1959 with the Tevis Trophy Tournament. Stockton battled the Oakland Crescents in the first elimination game. Half Moon Bay and Santa Rosa will be the opponents May 10, 1959, and the winners on these two Sundays will play in the finals the succeeding week, so May 17th promises to be an exciting game.

### Tevis Trophy

The Tevis Trophy is named in honor of "Mr. and Mrs. California Polo", Will

and Wrenn Tevis. Will Tevis is legendary in California horse lore, and claims to have played the game of polo more years than any other man. The great Tommy Hitchcock personally picked Will to play in the Internationals. Will led the fabulous "Santa Barbarians" to a stunning upset over Tommy Hitchcock's elite Meadow Brook team on a rain soaked Rumson, New Jersey field in the twenties. One of Tevis' teammates was George Gordon Moore, father of Stockton's number four man in the Tournament, David Moore.

The Stockton team features Jack Conant at the number three position. Jack played this winter at the new and elaborate Eldorado Club, just east of Palm Springs. During the winter season Jack starred against the picked El Roble Team of Mexico City, in spite of the fact that he suffered a spectacular spill, in which his horse and that of Mexico's Erwin Anisz, both rolled over him early in the game. Jack's supporting cast includes the aforementioned David Moore, officer of the Dura Bond Co., prominent Stockton surgeon Neill Johnson and Contractor

L. C. Smith. L. C. Smith has held the highly honored position of Governor of Polo's Pacific Circuit for the past three years. L. C. and David played at Santa Barbara's Fleischman Fields this winter, and David was on the winning Intra-Circuit team, along with 10 goal star Bob Skene from Australia, and now Beverly Hills.

### Dr. Billy Linfoot

The Crescents counter with the Coast's high ranking, 9 goal polo player, Dr. Billy Linfoot. Billy is a graduate of UC at Davis, and is a top veterinarian in this area, as evidenced by his growing practice among his many horse loving neighbors in the Woodside area, by Thoroughbred owners, and owners of Saddle breds and trotters, who patronize the nearby Bay Meadows and Tanforan race tracks. Billy has long been known to Bay Area polo fans for aggressiveness and daring, but only this year staid Easterners recognized his efforts in winning three of the past four National Open events. He has played in Hawaii, Mexico City, Chicago, Texas and makes his winter polo headquarters in Santa Barbara. Dr. Billy's home base is Golden Gate Park

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## UPPERVILLE COLT and HORSE SHOW

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Optimists. Then they kept going to defeat Myopia by an impressive 11-7 score. Still playing outstanding polo, Jarrett Vincent, captain Richie Jones, and Willy Welch downed Huntington at Squadron A Armory. With an unnecessary four goal handicap, the Elis rolled up a 15-7 victory in this first game of the George C. Sherman Memorial Tournament. Still on their winning streak, Yale opposed the University in the winter indoor season and defeated the out-of-practice Cavaliers.

## University of Virginia

A University of Virginia polo team composed of varsity and junior varsity representatives got off to a bad start for 1959 as they bowed to Valley Forge Military Academy, with hard-hitting Kit Kerns pacing the victors with four goals. Two of Virginia's points in the 8-3 defeat were scored by Harvey Smith, who has played at Judson School, Arizona; but his team couldn't find their range until the final chukker.

Back on Brook Hill Farm's dirt field, the Cavaliers lost their first match to Cambridge University in a hard fought, 4-3 contest. The visiting Britishers added a new and successful angle to this year's intercollegiate polo. Returning the United States' visit, four Cambridge students spent six weeks playing Yale, Cornell, Valley Forge, and Virginia. Tom Barlow of South Africa, Viji Lukshumayah from Malaya, John Riley-Smith of England, and Australian Geoff Ashton were excellent representatives of the British Commonwealth and drew much interest to college polo as a result of their skillful ball handling and diplomacy.

The spring contest between Yale and Virginia, one of the biggest events in Charlottesville polo, was unfortunately snowed out. This was to have been a three-team tournament between Yale, Cambridge and Virginia. It was planned as the first of an annual invitational tournament series, which the Cavaliers are trying to initiate.

With captain Mike Posey bringing four goals, the Cavaliers over-ran Georgetown in late April. Jerry Shields and Gus Aspillaga played a fine match, and the 8-1 score gives a poor indication of their ability. Smith claimed three goals for Virginia, with Tony Puerto of Bogota, Colombia, adding one.

Losing to New York Athletic Club, the Cavaliers downed Hap Puelicker's Leesburg squad and then Zenas Colt with Myopia Hunt Club to wind up with a 3-2 victory in early May.

This season marks the end of college competition for many outstanding poloists. Among those moving up to polo on a national scale will be Pete Baldwin and Stan Woolaway of Cornell and Virginia's 1956 captain, Dick Riemenschneider, a three-goaler from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. With the graduation of the seniors, many



CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Winners of National Intercollegiate and Eastern 12 Goal Tournament - (L. to r.): William Speiden, Bennet M. Baldwin, Peter D. Baldwin, Stanley R. Woolaway, Mrs. S. J. Roberts and Arthur Borden.

## College Polo

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for the National 12-goal Finals on April 4. The hard-playing college riders, given a five-point handicap, held the lead at half-time, 11-10, but powerful six-goaler Bill Stevens opened up with five goals in Chukker three to put the Knights well ahead. An aggressive scoring burst by the Baldwin brothers tied the teams at 15-15 in the final period, and again mighty Milwaukee cut them short of victory by outmaneuvering the Cornell riders in the overtime.

Although defeated in their bid for the championship, Cornell demonstrated the power and capabilities of a college polo team. They also provide a challenge, or a gauge of development, for their opponents in the intercollegiate league.

Virginia and Yale retain their respective positions as told by the National Tournament. The Cavaliers got off to a poor start in the Fall, losing to Warrenton and Cornell in their first two matches. Led by captain Pete Baldwin with five goals,

the New Yorkers efficiently controlled their game to win, 9-6.

Then with a 2-3 record, the Virginians played host to Yale at Brook Hill Farm in the traditional rivalry. Harvey Smith, Cavalier first-year standout, led his team to victory, scoring four out of their five goals. Two-goaler Jarrett Vincent scored twice for the Elis, but his teammates couldn't find the uprights as they lost, 5-2.

With the advent of winter and indoor polo, the first big intercollegiate match of 1959 pitted Yale against the powerful Cornell threesome on January 10. The Big Red won 16-8, but only after a first chukker score by Eli captain Richie Jones. Playing beautiful polo, Jones raced off to a fine start and scored four points before Cornell could get warmed up. However, the next chukker proved disastrous for the Elis as Cornell racked up nine goals. Pete Baldwin brought in a nice total of eight goals, with captain Stan Woolaway and Mike Andrews at three apiece.

Yale made an excellent comeback on January 31 with a close victory over the

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young, inexperienced riders will trot onto the polo field and fill out the ranks of the ever growing sport.

Only through the guidance and assistance of the older sportsmen can the college teams continue to develop. Today's achievements are the results of hard work and devoted interest over the years by poloists such as Doc Roberts at Cornell, Frank Butterworth at Yale, and Zenas Colt, who helped Virginia get organized and is now developing Harvard.

The 1958-59 season of intercollegiate polo has been one of the finest - and the future has never looked more promising.

## Va. Polo Assoc.

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to score in chukkers five and six. Then, seconds before the final whistle, captain Mike Posey stole a loose ball. Outriding his opponents and changing sides for each shot, he brought the ball within forty yards of the goal and drove in the last score of the match.

Myopia	1 0 2 1 0 0	4
Virginia	0 1 0 1 0 1	3
Scoring: Myopia - Colt 2, Ayers 1, Calhoun 1.		
Virginia - Posey 1, Smith 1, Jones 1.		

## San Francisco Polo

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Field, and he is a delegate to the U. S. Polo Association for the San Francisco Polo and Racing Club. The supporting cast for the Crescents is Bill Williams, Dr. Tom Schulte, and Lyle Nixon, Polo Manager of the Eldorado Polo Club in Palm Desert.

Half Moon Bay stars the ever popular Bob Smith, Sr., known throughout the polo world for his distance hitting. Bob has moulded his team into a highly polished unit over the winter season at Eldorado. Bob won his title as a powerhouse hitter several years ago at the Riviera Polo Club in Beverly Hills, against all the top names in polo. Peter Hitchcock plays the No. 1 position, and is in the ranching business with Bob Smith, in Half Moon Bay. Fred Parr Cox plays No. 2, and is in charge of events at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Todd Helser at No. 3, was a star even when playing for Stanford University, some 9 or 10 years ago, and is a broker. Since the Big Board opens at 10 AM in New York, and that is 3 hours different than San Francisco, you can see that Todd has to arise rather early to get to business before 7 AM.

Santa Rosa brings some new faces to Bay Area polo. Bob Walters leads the Santa Rosans. He was a star at the Oak-

brook Club, outside Chicago, and recently purchased a ranch near Santa Rosa. Those who have watched him play arena polo around Santa Rosa have been highly impressed with Bob's tricky mallet work. Gordon Coryell returns to Golden Gate Park polo after an absence of many years, although he has been playing at Menlo Park and Santa Barbara. Pat Linfoot has been a frequent visitor to the Park. Pat is the father of the fabulous Dr. Billy Linfoot who leads the Crescents, and the equally daring Buddy Linfoot. Bill Hickey has played in the Park quite regularly, and with Buddy Linfoot shared many Tournament titles in recent years. and with Buddy Linfoot shared many Tournament titles in recent years.

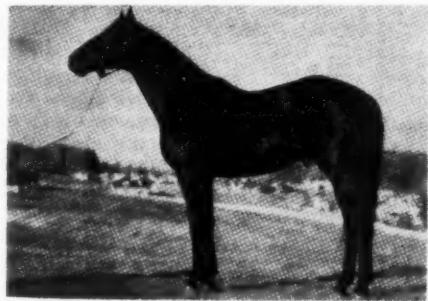
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## Polo Handicap

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and has become the generally accepted standard. The full development of the system did not come until the period between the wars, when the number of tournaments increased rapidly and, so far as the London season was concerned, members' games passed away."

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As ever,  
Samuel J. Henry

Chevy Chase, Md.

### Editorial

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pen after these boys graduate from college and begin to work? It may be answered that our job is to start them playing and the problem of keeping them playing after graduation is for those who come after us. Let us make sure that they have that problem! It is safe to predict that if we start young men playing polo, enough of them will continue to guarantee that the game will survive in this country.

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## Rose Tree

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Rulon, the winner covered the "about" 1-mile over firm turf in 1:48.

### Triple For C. M. Kline

The triple for C. Mahlon Kline and jockey Edwin Deveau started in the Rose Tree Plate, a 2-mile brush handicap. Again a light field of only 4 contested the issue and at the conclusion the Dixon-trained entry of Gridiron and Thaddeus R. Trout's \*Chicago 2nd finished on the front end as named. Taking command after the Tremont Farms' \*Follies Bergere and Mrs. Alfred J. Smithwick's External Relations alternated the lead over the first 3 fences. Gridiron went on to win by 5 lengths. Coming from last and showing good foot in the stretch run, \*Chicago 2nd got up to be 2 lengths in front of External Relations at the conclusion. Tiring after displaying early foot, \*Follies Bergere completed the field.

In registering his 2nd triumph in as many starts this season and carrying the top weight assignment of 157 pounds, Gridiron negotiated the "about" 2 miles and 12 brush fences in 3:31 3/5, to gain permanent possession of the trophy.

A field of 11 came out for the Sycamore Mills Plate, a 1 1/2 mile turf race which furnished C. Mahlon Kline's Ragtime Cowboy another opportunity to display his wares in the area. Permitting Mrs. William Coxe Wright's \*Ben Arthur to cut out the early pace, Deveau moved Ragtime Cowboy from 3rd in the stretch to score by 1-length over the pace-setter. Best of the balance, H. B. Hanford's Teddy's Gift was 3rd, 2 lengths behind \*Ben Arthur and 1 1/2 to the good of Mrs. Cordelia Scaife May's Detonation.

The 3rd 1-2 finish for trainer Dixon found Ragtime Cowboy scoring his 2nd success in as many starts this season in 2:39, to gain owner Kline his 2nd challenge plate of the afternoon.

### Keystone Stakes

Inaugurated last year, the Keystone Stakes, a test over a very short "6-furlong" turf course for Pennsylvania-

bred horses, found a half-dozen competing. Sending Mr. Kline's Slam Ray into the lead at the start, Deveau found little trouble in defeating Major General Richard K. Mellon's Rocky Shore by 3 lengths. Ridden by the owner's son, Talbot J. Albert, III, Top Branch was 3rd, 3/4's of a length off the Mellon-bred filly and 2 lengths to the good of J. W. Rice's Rockbully.

In registering a triple for the Ambler, Pa., owner-breeder, and jockey Deveau, the 3-year-old filly by SlamBang-XRay II negotiated the short course in 1:05.

In the Rose Tree Spring Maiden Cup, Ba-Sic, a veteran of point-to-point racing in Virginia, graduated the maiden ranks. Ridden by Marshall Jenney and trained by Eugene Weymouth, the 7-year-old gelding found little trouble in scoring by 5 lengths over the Happy Hill Farm's Thief. The only other to complete the course, John T. Crane's Glimpse O. was 3rd. Upon pulling up and following a veterinarian's examination it was found that

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## Roman Victory

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between Italy and America which reached its climax in an exciting jump-off over raised fences.

By this time it was rapidly growing dark and the enthusiasm of the crowd knew no bounds when Morris, Steinkraus and Wiley with three perfect rounds won America the Cup. As the "Star Spangled Banner" was pulled to the top of the flag pole, the public, disappointed though they were that their own men had lost, not only thundered out their applause, but also, for the first time honored the victory of a foreign team with the traditional fiaccolata. Around the arena, now so dark one could scarcely see the teams lined up for the presentation, a thousand flickering torches began to appear - the excited audience setting fire to their programs and newspapers and - rather perilously - waving them aloft. Although on the part of the man-in-the-street this was merely a friendly gesture to the winning team, to horsemen who knew the story of how only twenty-seven years ago the Italian

method crossed the Atlantic to revolutionize American riding, it signified both a victory for our team as well as the triumph of an Italian idea.

Lack of space prevents my doing justice to the show as a whole; to the tragedy that befell the Hungarian team when their sixteen-year old Barony broke his back in the Premio di Roma or to the sportsmanship of the handful of Italian, Hungarian, Dutch, Belgian and Spanish women who competed with the men over the stiffest courses.

Suffice it to say that Fritz Thiedemann won the Premio Bettoni with his superb big bay Godewind, beating Raimondo D'Inzeo on Hack On over 6 ft. 6 in. in the jump-off; that on Wednesday afternoon the monotony of incessant jumping was broken by a charming display of carriages with a daintily stepping Lippizaner shown to a spider phaeton and a collection of high-class hackneys and hackney ponies, for the most part imported by Signor Zingone from England. Frankly the sight of these made me nostalgic for our American and English horse-shows with their grand variety of entries; harness horses, four-in-hands, ponies, draft horses, hunters and breeding classes.

And so we come to the end of another great Roman show, which concluded as usual with the Premio Cigala Fulgori, a championship open only to winners on previous days and judged over large fences with "time to count". While the crowd held their breath and the silence was so intense that one could hear blackbirds whistling in the towering cypresses and umbrella pines and swifts screaming as they swirled in the evening sky, Raimondo D'Inzeo, on his clever Merano managed, by cutting corners and jumping at crazy angles, to snatch the victory from his brother Piero on The Rock, by a mere one tenth of a second.

The Championship finished, and the cups presented there followed an unusual and moving ceremony during which on the very spot that the aged Barony had fallen, the Italians presented the Hungarians with a new young horse from the Maremma.

Lastly came the traditional finale to Rome's Concorso Ippico, the famous and fantastically beautiful Carosello of the Carabinieri. In their full dress uniforms, with waving blue and red plumes, a costume dating back to the Napoleonic era, some four hundred men on white and bay horses put their mounts through such intricate figures that they seemed to be dancing across the greensward and then, charging down the field at full gallop with swords drawn gave one a vivid picture of what a battle must have been like in the days when the horse was king. Against the background of Piazza di Siena's ancient beauty it was a sight once seen, never forgotten.

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the point-to-point campaigner had pulled both suspensory ligaments, accounting for his indifferent performance.

In the early stages of the race, which was won in 7:31 2/5, George T. Weymouth's Phi Beta Kappa refused the 3rd fence sending his apprentice rider, N. Griggs, sailing over the obstacle without injury. Quickly on his feet, the latter made a vain attempt to recapture his loose mount.

A field of 6 went postward in the Agricultural Stakes, a one-time "farmers race", but now open to land owners in the area. Running over the "6-furlong course", which is closer to 5 furlongs, Stanley Hilton's Twenty Paces chalked up a 1-length triumph over W. L. Crosson's Jerseyville.

The Agricultural Stakes, (turf course), abt. 6 furlongs, 3 & up. Purse: \$150. Net value to winner: \$90; 2nd: \$40; 3rd: \$20. Winner: br.f., (4), by Blue Swords-Miss Alesia, by Milon. Trainer: S. Hilton. Breeder: Elmendorf Farm. Time: 1:09.

1. Twenty Paces, (S. Hilton), 143, J. Knowles.  
2. Jerseyville, (W. L. Crosson), 153, R. Christman.  
3. Crow, (C. D. Gilpin), 149, R. M. Gilpin.

6 started and finished; also ran (order of finish): C. McAteer's Best Case, 143, A. Seldomridge; Mrs. J. T. Pennick's Avaloni, 148, G. R. Gilpin; Mrs. D. E. Batson's Conda Kit, 148, C. Fromal. Won by 1; place by 3/4; show by 12. Scratched: Terraqueous.

The Rose Tree Spring Maiden Cup, (timber steeple-chase), abt. 3 mi., 4 & up. Purse: \$400. Net value to winner: \$250; 2nd: \$80; 3rd: \$40. Winner: ch.b., (7), by Baron Jack-Fashionette, by Psychic. Trainer: E. Weymouth. Breeders: Jerry O'Sullivan. Time: 2:25 1/2.

1. Ba-Sic, (J. K. Jenney), 164, M. Jenney.  
2. Thief, (Happy Hill Farm), 160, R. Houghton.  
3. Glimpse O., (J. T. Crane), 165, C. Linton.

4 started and 3 finished. Lost rider: at 3rd, G. T. Weymouth's Phi Beta Kappa, 160, N. Griggs. Won by 5; place by 12. Scratched: In The Family, Weeper's Date, Eastcor.

The Glen Riddle Plate, (turf course), abt. 1 mi., 3 & up. Purse: \$300. Net value to winner: \$185; 2nd: \$100; 3rd: \$50; 4th: \$15. Winner: br.f., (3), by Daumner-Monogamy, by Beau Pere. Trainer: M. H. Dixon. Breeder: Nydrie Stud. Time: 1:48.

1. Sable Brush, (Mrs. J. T. Murtagh), 133, H. Rulon.  
2. Earl of Tyrone, (C. M. Kline), 153, E. Deveau.  
3. Shiny Lime, (Tremont Farms), 155, R. M. Gilpin.

7 started and finished; also ran (order of finish): A. M. Kautz' Early American, 148, R. Graham; Mrs. J. T. Murtagh's Rebel Colony, 138, R. V. Gilpin; Mrs. O. Phipps' Exact, 153, J. Murphy; Mrs. O. Phipps' Croix de Guerre, 131, J. Thornton. Won by 3/4; place by 2 1/2; show by 2. Scratched: Terraqueous, Night Spy, Rocky Shore, Kentucky Queen.

The Rose Tree Plate, (steeplechase), abt. 2 mi., 4 & up. Purse: \$500. Net value to winner: \$315; 2nd: \$100; 3rd: \$50; 4th: \$25. Winner: br.h., (5), by Olympia-Little Lea, by Bull Lea. Trainer: M. H. Dixon. Breeder: F. W. Hooper. Time: 3:31 3/5.

1. Gridiron, (C. M. Kline), 157, E. Deveau.  
2. Chicago II, (T. R. Trout), 133, J. Knowles.  
3. External Relations, (Mrs. A. J. Smithwick), 132, J. Aitcheson, Jr.

4 started and finished; also ran: Tremont Farms' Follies Berger, 135, R. M. Gilpin. Won by 5; place by 2; show by 7. Scratched: Parlez Me, Mielaison, Jacklow.

The Gloucester Fox Hunters Plate, (timber steeplechase), abt. 3 mi., 5 & up. Purse: \$1,000. Net value to winner: \$640; 2nd: \$200; 3rd: \$100. Winner: ch.g., (9), by Chaldean-Grand Alliance, by Grand Time. Trainer: J. L. Aitcheson, Sr. Breeder: R. L. Hall. Time: 6:10 1/5.

1. Grand Chal, (A. H. Smith), 165, J. Aitcheson, Jr.  
2. Theodoric, (Mrs. J. B. Hannum III), 157, L. Neffison, Jr.  
3. Aquitaine Play, (Mrs. W. Stokes), 162, W. King.

4 started and finished; also ran: G. T. Weymouth's Eastcor, 160, E. Weymouth. Won by 2 1/2; place by 8; show by distance. Scratched: Golden Fly, Carolina Hills, Glimpse O.

The Sycamore Mills Plate, (turf course), abt. 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up. Purse: \$300. Net value to winner: \$185; 2nd: \$60; 3rd: \$30; 4th: \$15. Winner: br.g., (4), by Rough'n Tumble-Softie, by Flares. Trainer: M. H. Dixon. Breeder: O'Farrell Bros. Time: 2:39.

1. Ragtime Cowgirl, (C. M. Kline), 156, E. Deveau.  
2. Ben Arthur, (Mrs. W. C. Wright), 156, H. Rulon.

3. Teddy's Gift, (H. B. Hantford), 143, R. Lambert.  
11 started and 10 finished; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. C. S. May's Detonation, 156, J. Murphy; C. R. Linton's Cafre II, 150, C. Linton; J. G. Leiper, Jr.'s Blue Jack, 143, C. Connelly; Mrs. O. Phipps' Walk The Plank, 126, J. Thornton; R. D. Rouse's Bloomin' Owl, 157, J. Aitcheson, Jr.; F. F. Truscott's Thunder Creek, 139, G. R. Gilpin; G. T. Weymouth's Bold Remark, 141, W. Worsley. Pulled up: C. B. Pearson, Jr.'s Good Track, 139, N. Cox. Won by 1; place by 2; show by 1 1/2. Scratched: Deo Delight, Bugle Call 2nd, Shiny Dime, Carolina Hills.

The Keystone Stakes, (turf course), abt. 6 furlongs, 3 & up. Purse: \$500. Net value to winner: \$315; 2nd: \$100; 3rd: \$50; 4th: \$25. Winner: br.f., (3), by Slam Bang-X Ray II, by Victrix. Trainer: M. H. Dixon. Breeder: C. M. Kline. Time: 1:05.

1. Slam Ray, (C. M. Kline), 134, E. Deveau.  
2. Rocky Shore, (R. K. Mellon), 134, J. Murphy.  
3. Top Branch, (T. J. Albert), 149, T. Albert III.

6 started and finished; also ran (order of finish): J. W. Rice's Rockbully, 157, J. Clancy; J. W. Rice's Bless Countess, 149, H. Rulon; C. D. Gilpin's Terraqueous, 143, C. D. Gilpin. Won by 3; place by 3/4; show by 2. Scratched: Slamstown.

## Racing Review

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the winner of Garden State Park's Colonial Handicap, on Saturday, May 16. Eight fillies and mares started in the 6 furlongs handicap stakes with \$25,000 added.

B. A. Dario's Dandy Blitzen was 2nd; C. S. Handelman's Betty Linn 3rd; and F. P. Meager's Mare's Beau fourth. The winner was clocked at 1:12 over a fast track.

Idun is a 4-year-old filly by \*Royal Charger-Tige O'Myheart, by Bull Lea, bred by Leslie Combs and J. W. Hanes. She is trained by S. W. Ward "Wary Willie" Hartack was up and got ten percent of the winner's \$18,118.75.

## Rancocas Stakes

The 17th running of the \$15,000 added Rancocas Stakes at Garden State Park, on May 13, drew twelve 2-year-old fillies for the 5 furlongs allowance stakes. The victory went to Wheathe Stables, as their entry of Bases Full and Brave Pilot finished one, two. L. David's Chalvedale was third and Mrs. B. S. Wright, Jr.'s Improve was 4th. Bases Full was clocked at 1:01 1/5 over a sloppy track.

The winner is a home-bred by \*Ambiorix-Striking, by War Admiral. He is trained by J. Fitzsimmons. Sammy Boulmetis was the winning rider. Bases Full realized \$12,077.50 for the race. It was his first stakes effort.

## Suffolk Downs The Pinafore Stakes

Labriola and Corcione's Heroic Nun took the measure of a field of nine two-year-old fillies in The Pinafore Stakes, at Suffolk Downs, on May 16th. B. A. Dario's Rose of Serro was second in the 5 furlongs dash. W. J. Beattie's Ring-tilian was third and B. Weiner's Donna River got the short end of the purse. The time was .59 4/5.

Heroic Nun is a brown filly by Ennobled-Parchesi, by Bless Me, bred by A. L. Labriola. E. C. Rodriguez did the riding and F. P. Menendez the training. Heroic Nun collected \$7,332.50 for her winning effort.

## Raleigh Burroughs

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of 1:13 for six furlongs which may stand for weeks.

The winner's share of the purse was \$845.

Mr. William Boniface glowed with the pardonable pride of a parent whose progeny has performed perfectly. So did Mrs. Boniface.

Miss Ann Marie Boniface applauded \*Alcindor's admirable accomplishment. Miss Judy Doyon was happy because of Billy's handy horsemanship. Mr. McCloskey made for the mutuels window, and came back with money.

It was a merry bunch of Bonifaces that made the 75-mile return trip to Timonium. Many a time the race was re-run during the course of the journey.

It was agreed by all that the venture was "the kind of thing you read about." Early in the morning of May 7, the family was back home.

Young Billy dropped off at the barn to "do up" his horse and finished that important chore by 3 a.m.

It was a long day but one that will always be remembered by those who participated in the operation.

It's a pity the comtesse and the ambassador weren't around to see \*Alcindor's most-appreciated win.



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## Pass Christian Defeats Memphis

In a brilliant display of teamwork the Pass Christian Polo Club scored a 9-5 victory over the Memphis Polo Association team in the second annual Trujillo Challenge Cup Match at Germantown, Tennessee on Sunday afternoon May 3rd.

After two hard fought and scoreless chukkers each team scored one goal in the third chukker which carried them into the half time with Pass Christian leading 2 to 1 by virtue of the one goal handicap received from the higher rated Memphis team.

Pass Christian's sixteen year old Billy O'Callaghan scored two of his team's four goals from the number one position in the fourth chukker. Excellent defensive work by Bill Matkin held Memphis to two scores during the fifth chukker despite a vigorous offensive drive by the Memphis

## team.

The final chukker of the game was wide open and very fast to the final bell with Paul Ratliff sparking the Pass Christian play by placing his handy yellow pony in virtually every play.

Colonel Luis Mena, Military Attaché for the Dominican Republic in Washington, D. C., and Eduardo Morales, Dominican Consul General from New Orleans, Louisiana were on hand to make the presentation of the Trujillo Challenge Trophy to the winning team. Both teams were invited to the Dominican Republic next year to play the third and decisive match of the series on the Ciudad Trujillo Polo Field.

Pass Christian	Memphis
1. B. O'Callaghan	J. Maddox
2. P. Ratliff	C. Dewey
3. J. Krohn	F. Norfleet
4. B. Matkin	R. Howard

Alt. B. McFadden

Pass Christian	1 0 1 4 1 2	9
Memphis	0 0 1 1 2 1	5

Scoring — Pass Christian — By handicap 1, O'Callaghan 2, Ratliff 2, Krohn 1, Matkin 3. Memphis — Maddox 1, Dewey 1, Norfleet 1, Howard 2.

Umpires: Eli Long and Robert Wilson, Referee: Arthur Herman, Timer-Scorer: John Farris.

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Although Leslie Combs II of Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky., has imported a great many foreign-bred stallions and mares, he is currently making his first trip abroad with Mrs. Combs and Admiral and Mrs. Gene Markey of Calumet Farm. They expect to visit England, Ireland, France and Italy.



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## Belmont Ball Portrait

(L. to r.): Mrs. Thomas M. Bancroft, Jr., Co-Chairman of Junior Committee, Mrs. Joseph Walker, Jr., Chairman of the Belmont Spring Ball, and Equestrian Portrait Painter, Jean Bowman of New York City and White Post, Virginia, study portrait by Miss Bowman of a favorite hunter belonging to the British motor magnate Sir Reginald Rootes. Miss Bowman has donated a commission for a portrait of a horse or person to be auctioned off at the Belmont Spring Ball to take place May 30th at the John S. Phipps estate, Old Westbury, Long Island, New York. Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association, the famous 65-year-old Settlement House, will be the beneficiary, so that the cost of the portrait is tax deductible. Out-of-towners who are not planning to attend the Ball, can, if they so desire, mail in a bid to Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association, 331 East 70 Street, New York 21, N. Y. - attention, Belmont Spring Ball Committee. Miss Bowman's equestrian portraits of famous horses are in many private collections, including those of George A. Widener, Walter P. Chrysler, Walter M. Jeffords, Richard King Mellon, George L. Ohrstrom, C. G. Rice, Jr., Mrs. William Donovan, J. Watson Webb, Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloane, Bruce Forbes, Gilbert Humphrey, Charles V. Hickox, Leslie Combs and Robert Kleberg.



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MAINSTAY (S. S. Jamay, Jr.)	9	CHAMBOURG (R. K. Mellon)	6	*RED SUN 2nd (Mrs. Henry Obre)	6
JUDGE BEACON (Mrs. G. P. Greenhalgh, Jr.)	9	*ANOTHER HYACINTH (Mrs. Wm. D. Hall)	6	PIESPORTER (Michael Wettach)	6
FLUCTUATE (H. R. Fenwick)	5	*ST. PHIDEAS (Ruthart Stable)	5	*VILLENA (Mrs. Jack Grabowsky)	5
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		JACKDOW (R. K. Mellon)	4	*DOUBLE FRENCH (Mrs. Henry Obre)	5

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